A few of the "Good Things" that will appear in our Christmas Number next week - - "The Unwritten Law," by Ex-Gov. P. B. S. Pinchback; "Shall There be a Negro National Party?" by C. H. J. Taylor; "A Review of Our Past Year's Existence as a Race of People," by D. A. Straker; "Emancipation Day, by Rev. [illegible] Dickson; "A New Year's Resolution," by John P. Green; "The Political Duty of the Hour," A. M. Hodges; "The Children's Christmas," Alice Ruth Moore; "A Dream's Fullfillment," Edward E. Brock.

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"WITH THE SILENT PROCESS

OF THE SUN," WRITES A SOUTHERN DIVINE, "THE CONSTANT

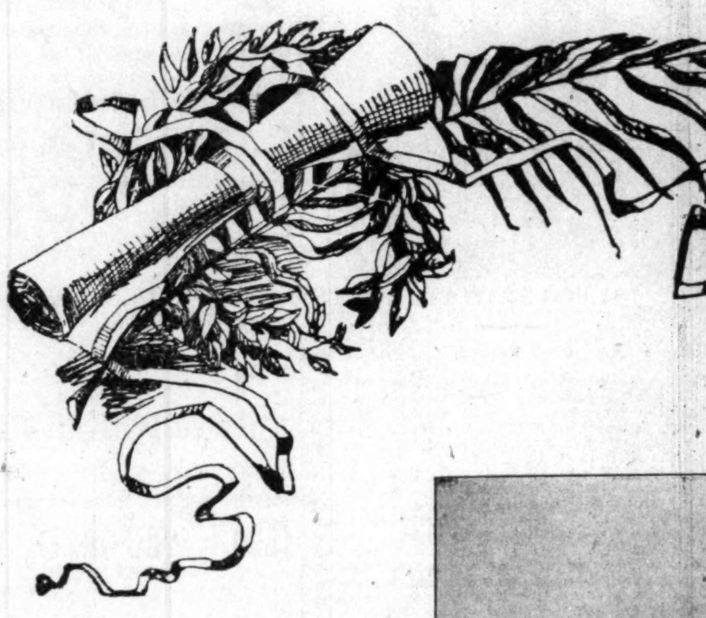
Interest of The Freeman Has Gone on"—Newsy Church Notes From the "Lone Star" State—The Recent West Texas Conference.

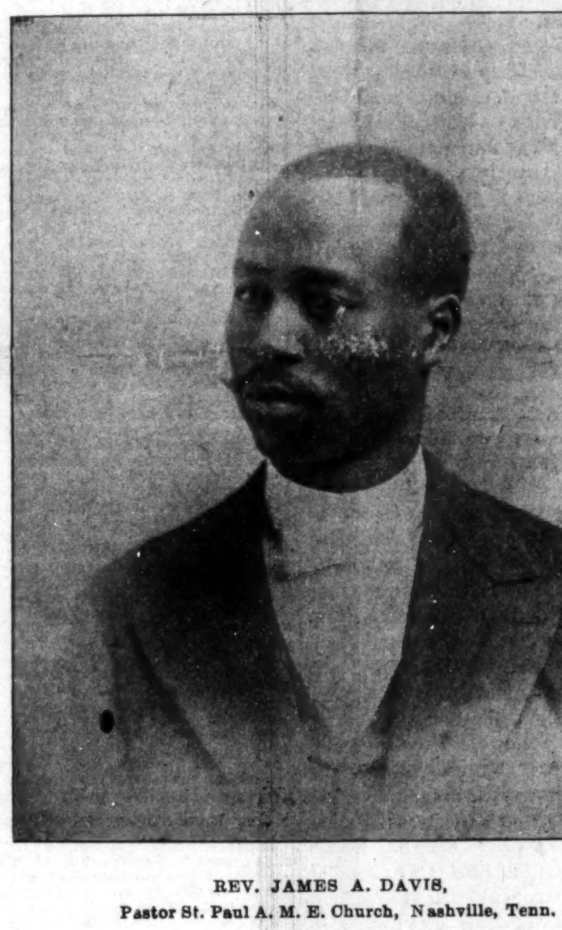
EDITOR FREEMAN:

It has been some time since a line has been sent from the Alamo City to the old ever reliable Freeman; nevertheless the constant interest and attentive reading of The Freeman has gone on with the silent process of the sun. Its columns have always had a replete feast for us and ours. The editorials have been ever logical and truly practical and to the point upon whatever subject the capable and up to-date editor had under his journalistic consideration. We consider The Freeman more than an interstate or national journal. We consider it to be a logical and international journal of no small extension and comprehension in its modus operandi in journalism. I have read The Freeman for years and shall continue to do so in my new field, Terrell, Tex.

At the recent annual session of the West Texas conference which convened in Bellville the 1st, the writer was transferred from the West Texas to the North East Texas Conference and appointed to Terrell Station, St. James A. M. E church. As the writer was elected reporter to the church organs and not to the otherwise journals, he will not enter the field of another here, yet I desire to state however, that the session was the greatest in the history of the old Senior West. Over one thousand souls were converted, and over $2,000 in dollar money raised; over $1,000 in educational and endowment money reported and several hundred dollars for missionary purposes. The four districts of the conference all led the reports of a year ago exceedingly, the yellow fever scare of last summer notwithstanding. Rev. W. R. Beamer, P. E., of the Wallis district, led the conference in both dollar and educational money. Rev. Joshua Goins, D. D., P. E. of the San Antonia District led the conference in conversions. Rev. P. W. Carmichael, P. E., of the Brenham district, is one of the really up to-date presiding elders, not only of the West Texas conference, but he will compare favorably with any presiding elder of any church in the ecclesiastical cosmos. His district led, in actual computation in dollar money. Rev. B. W. Roberts, D. D., P. E. of the Bastrop District, is known not only in Texas, but throughout the connection as a man of God and a man that succeeds in the work he has in hand. The sermons and lectures delivered by Dr. Roberts will ever live in the minds of the ministry and laity of the Bastrop District especially. Dr. Roberts by his own volition, transfers to the Florida conference, the state of his nativity. He preached a powerful farewell sermon last Sunday evening to the concluding service of the conference. The writer, by request, offered his farewell invocation as one of the members of the old Senior West. Bishop Abraham Grant, D. D., of the First Episcopal District, who is kindly assisting our honored and most worthy Bishop Rt. Rev. J. H. Armstrong, preached the most powerful sermon to which I have ever listened. Bishop Grant is a really sui generis magnet of the manly and ministerial cosmos The Bishop is a leader that leads. His leading is to victory invincibly and inevitably. Our presiding Bishop, Rev. J. H. Armstrong is unmistakably a man of God. He has the prayers of his districts and the church generally that his health may be improved. I am one in the cause of Christ and the church.

D. S. MOTEN, pastor St. James A. M. E. Church, Terrell, Tex.





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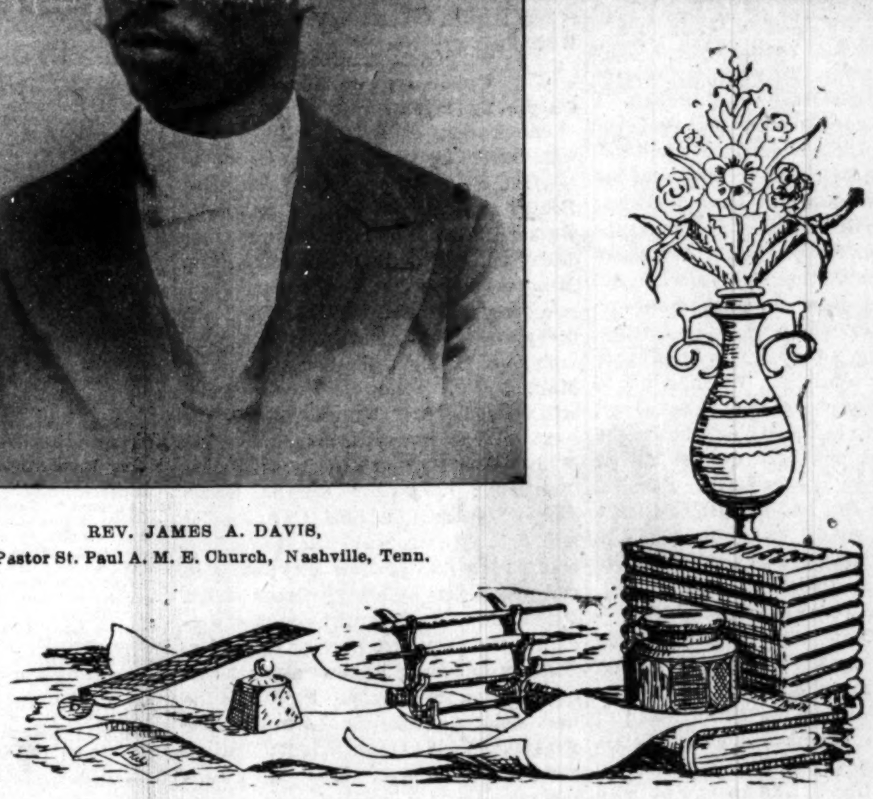
Pastor St. Paul A. M. E. Church, Nashville, Tenn.



GREAT SUCCESS IS ACHIEVED

BY A SCHOLARLY DIVINE—JAMES A. DAVIS, ONCE "THE BOY

Preacher" Now at the Head of a Great Work—A Sketch of a Noble Life and the Achievements of a Worthy Man.

Rev. James A. Davis, D. D., the subject of this sketch, is one of the most prominent ministers of the Africian Methodist Episcopal connection, and for the last ten years has filled some of the largest and most influential churches. The versatility of his talents were early developed, and they have been wisely employed to advance the interests of Christ wherever he has labored. Dr. Davis is a native of Kentucky, being born in Olden County, December 18th, 1861. He was taken to Ohio in his infancy by his mother, who, in company with others, was set free and located in Mercer county. His father, who belonged to a different master, in the meantime escaped to Canada, and in 1862 his wife joined him in Windsor, Canada, where they remained until after the war. They then moved back into the States, settling first in Detroit, Mich., afterwards in Cleveland, O, and finally in Franklin, Ind., in 1869. His parentage accounts easily for several of the prominent inherent traits of character which have served to early distinguish him. He was converted at an early age at a campmeeting, and has always possessed a natural fitness and a love for the Gospel ministry. He joined the A. M. E. Church in 1878, and was licensed to preach by Rev. J. A. Jordan in 1879. In 1882 he was admitted into the itinerant ministry of the Indiana Conference of the A. M. E. Church. He began his trial services in Madison, Ind., a field well calculated to make his "trial" one of the crucial experiences, testing sharply both his faith and consecration. But the courage and indomitable energy of the young man were equal to his environments, and he soon made for himself many friends.

From a slow-going, demoralized congregation he soon made it one of the largest and most influential in the city. Revivals, conversions and spiritual experiences abundantly attested the faithfulness of his ministry, not only in this his first field of labor, but in Bloomington, Washington and Portland, to which places he was subsequently sent. In 1887 he was sent to the pastorate of the A M. E. Church at Greencastle, Ind. Here he entered the School of Theology of DePauw University and pursued its course in connection with his pastorate, completing it in two years, he was sent by Bishop John M. Brown, D. D., D. C. L., to Indianapolis and appointed to one of the largest churches in the Indiana Conference. Here he won for himself unusual fame and influence for a young minister as a [illegible]cal Christian worker, a pulpit orator and a public speaker. At this pastorate a large mortgage debt was soon paid, his church beautified and his membership largely increased. Finishing his pastorate at Indianapolis with great honor to himself and the connection, he was transferred to the Tennessee Conference and stationed in Nashville at St. John's A. M. E. Church with the instructions: "Finish that church and make it the pride of the Tennessee Conference." The task was a herculean one; a chronic debt of $1[illegible],000 stood in the way of the church's completion; this debt, together with the voice of the ecclesiastical pessimist and the logic of hard times, rendered the completion of the edifice seemingly impossible. But at the end of one year and ten months the heavy mortgage debt was paid and a week of jubilee was held in honor of the event.

Flush with victory he announced to his congregation that he intended to finish the church at once. But while his congregation had great faith in his leadership, no one believed, in view of the great struggle through which the church had just passed, that it could be done. The congregation agreed. The plans were formulated and the command given, "Every man to his work." Within four months' time the magnificent church edifice which for sixteen years had been under construction was completed at a cost of $4,000, one half of weich was raised at the dedication. This magnificent effort has placed him in the front rank of the ministry of the connection, and he enjoys to day the distinction of being "the young money king of the connection."

Dr. Davis possesses a most winning address. As a pastor he is activity personified and an indefatigueable worker. With a broad grasp of the situation and a mind awake to the minutest details, he is a natural leader, and never wants for a following. With quick tact and warm sympathy, he knows how to approach and win men. Having a rich social nature, a kindly disposition and the polish of a true gentleman, he is an ever-welcome visitor in the homes of his parishioners and his host of friends.

Dr. Davis has achieved a success of which a minister of twice his age might well be proud. As a theologian he ranks with the best, and as a pulpit orator he is exceptionally brilliant, having an extensive and ready vocabulary. He is clear in diction, solid in thought and commanding in address His career demonstrates the truth that youth is no barrier to promotion if supported by sterling worth and untiring push and energy. At the last annual conference, held in Columbia, Tenn., Dr. Davis was appointed pastor of St. Paul A. M. E. Church at Nashville, Tenn., and it is generally said that his appointment is altogether satisfactory.

Don't fail to read Our Christmas Number.

Quietly Married Personals.

Mt. Vernon, Ill., Special.

Rev. J. B. McCaray, Editor of the Baptist Truth, Mrs. Harriet McCaray his mother and his two sons Raymond and Georgie, all of Metropolis spent a few days in our city the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Oneal. Rev. McCaray preached for the Baptist congregation while here. Mr. Chas. Oneal, while working in the foundry injured his back so much that he will be unable to work for awhile. Mr. Walter Ritter of St. Louis is expected to make Mt. Vernon a business visit in the near future. Mrs. Perry Lewis who has been spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Cass Stokes returned to Olmstead. Mr. Will Green of Odin is circulating among Mt. Vernon friends. Mrs. Jane Francis Kinney of Godfrey, who has been visiting her daughter Mrs Chess Stigger, returned home Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Beechamp entertained the C. M. E. church Tuesday evening. Mrs. Baylass gave a rag social at the church Saturday evening. The participants were dressed in rags of many styles. Mr Cromley received the prize as the most peculiarly dressed one. Mrs. Berry of Pembrook, Ky., who spent a very pleasant visit with her daughter Mrs. Joe Tandy departed for home Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. William Caliway are rejoicing over the advent of a ten pound boy. The mother and son are both doing well. Mr. and Mrs. Chess Stigger are also rejoicing over the advent of an eight pound girl, the mother, daughter and father are all doing nicely. Rev. J. W. Owsley spent a few days in the city with his family. The colored school is making rapid progress with the Xmas Cantata, which will be rendered at the church Xmas eve. Miss Sally Yates of Centralia, enroute to Veve, Ind. spent Sunday with Mrs. Wm. Sutton. Miss Sarah Chavis of Carmi made Mrs. Dave Biss a social visit last week. The sick of our city consist of the following, Mr. James Buckner, Misses Martha Brefford, Rosa Sutton, Venus Owsley and Mrs. Celia Payne. Mrs Kitty Williams and Lucy Vernon two of Centralia's prominent citizens were in the city on legal business last week. The complimentary taffy pulling and pop corn social given Monday evening by Miss Martha N. Covington at the residence of Mrs. Elijah Covington, was a social affair indeed, and the guest were highly entertained. Mr Robert Hughes of this city and Miss Susie Partee of Shaneetown were quietly married a few days ago in the presence of a very few intimate friends. Rev B. B. Howard officiating.

Prof. A. Y. King attended the Tri County Teachers meeting at Benton, Ind., and from there visited Duquoin and Carbondale, returning Sunday evening.

Memphis Gleanings.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.

Mr. Julius A. C. Ficklan will visit his mother during Yule week. Miss Essie Gholston entertained at her home Friday night. Mr Gus Pope is visiting friends in a distant city. Miss Dosie Hodges is ill at her home on Georgia St. Mr. William Bradshaw is our latest public expressman. Avery Chapel was paid a visit by your correspondent last Sunday to hear the lesson reviewed by the much talked of superintendent Mr Thos. L. Saunders and will say that he is all and even more than he is represented to be, his school out numbers any on the A. M. E, circuit, and is elegantly arranged, and conducted, Mr. Saunders is a young man and seems determined to reach the goal. pay his school a visit and you will be benefited. School opens at 1:10 p. m. and closes at 2:30 p. m. The remains of Mr. Dave Jones who died at home on Nov. 27th was taken to the Emanuel Cathedral where the funeral was conducted by the Rev, Dr Honesty of that church, although he had been ill for several months past, his death came very suddenly to his friends, and has caused wide spreap grief throughout this city. Mr. Jones was the proprietor of a fine tonsorial parlor, and was patronized by the most prominent whites. He leaves a wife and many friends. His parlor is now in charge of Mr. D. C. Yates, Mrs. D Jones proprietress. Dr. A. S. J. Burchet, Prof. Pious and E. S. Webb have opened a job printing office on Second street, opposite the Cotton Exchange. The ladies of Avery Chapel have opened a bazar on Beale St. near St. Martin. Miss Jessie E. King will be here next week from Lexington, Ky. On Friday morning the 10th, Thomas Maybon, in his 80th year, died at his home on Allens Ave., after an illness of 6 days, the deceased leaves a wife Mrs Ovida Maybon (nee) Brown and a host of friends. A. H. J. Bass, is agent for The Freeman.

A Step in the Right Direction.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

The many friends of W. B. Kennedy will be glad to learn that he is very much better. Mrs. Mary Humphreys is very sick. The little son of Rev. and Mrs. B. J. Jones is much better. Rev. E. Smith, who has been suffering with a burned leg, is out again. Mrs. Mary Lowe and Miss Mamie Woods visited Mrs. Humphreys last Sunday. Mrs. Freeman is having an elegant house built on her Palmetto street property. A Thanksgiving party was given at Mrs. Nellie Kelly's, at which the following ladies were present: Misses Nellie D. Calloway, Anna G. Kennedy, Leonora Terrell, Kate Dougherty and Alberta Lewis Several young men were present, and a most enjoyable time was had. The box entertainment at Zion Church was a decided success, which was largely due to the efforts of Mrs. Ada C. LaPrade, who rendered music for the occasion. The S. C. L. Club of Mt. Paren Baptist Church is all the talk in the southern part of the town. Remember The Freeman will give you more information for 5 cents than any other colored paper. Eighteen men at Flintstone have formed a club and have subscribed for The Freeman. This is a step in the right direction, and shows a high order of intelligence. The agent is especially grateful to B. F. White for the interest he has shown in The Freeman. The F. and A. A. Y. Masons were beautifully entertained Saturday night in their hall with a grand Masonic lecture by Capt. W. D. Mathews, M. W. N. G. M., of Leavenworth, Kan. Capt. Mathews has recently held Grand Lodges in Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, Tennessee and West Virginia. He left here Sunday morning for his home, where he will spend a few days with his family, and then leave for Mississippi, Texas and the Western States Capt. Mathews has accomplished great good and has lodges scattered all over the country. Send your news items to Wm. L. Lowe, 827 Catherine street.

A Dreaded Disease.

Leadville, Col, Special.

The scarlet fever is still raging in this city. Though it is usually in a mild form, it has resulted fatally in the cases of several children. Stella F. Everett, Hermie Jones and Magbetha Cason are the latest cases and they are doing well at this writing. Mrs. Ed. Merette is on the sick list. Mrs. Morgan Robinson was taken very seriously ill Monday night, but is much improved now. Mrs. Sophia Anderson is suffering with rheumatism. Mrs. D. C. Woodson is able to be up again. The Thanksgiving dinner given by the A. M. E. Church was a social and financial success. Miss Mattie Rowls has been quite sick, Charles Anderson, of Denver, is in the city with his mother on West Sixth street. Mrs Hattie Chinn talks of moving to California. Joe Cunningham, who had a very painful operation performed about two weeks ago, is doing nicely. Bud Franklin, who has become blind, is staying at Robert Payne's Mrs. F. A. White will leave on or about the 15th for Evanston, Ind., to spend the holidays with her mother. Rev. R. Cason held quarterly meeting in Aspen on the 5th inst. Mrs. J. W. Young has been ill the past two weeks with rheumatism. She is able to be out delivering the "Afro-American School Speaker and Gems of Literature." She has a large subscription list, which speaks well for the race.

Last Church Meeting.

Winchester, Tenn., Special.

The last church meeting for the year was held at the Mt: Zion Baptist church Monday night. The reports showed that the interest of the church had grown considerably both financially and spiritually, Rev. L. Trumble who has been pastor of the church for 33 years was re-elected for the ensuing year. This church and Elder Merry's church are the only two churches in the state that have had the same pastor ever since the emancipation. Rev. J. A. Pursley pastor of the A. M. E. church at Tulahoma preached here last Sunday at the A. M. E. church, and Rev. Hill presiding elder preached at night. Miss Anna Hunt is here from Sewanee. Prof. E. B. Trimbles school has closed. He had a nice exhibition. Mr. H. C. Miller made a fine address to the audience. Miss M. E. Bone's school at Mingo was out on the 20th. Prof Settles and T. J. Townsend of Decherd and Messrs. Sam Holder and Simms of Cowan were here last week.

The Christmas edition of The Freeman will be a mammoth one, now is the time to send in your order for copies. Send in at once.

THE NEGRO MUST AWAKEN

TO THE SENSE OF A NEW DUTY—IDEAS ADVANCED FOR THE

Benefit of the Race—The North and the South—The Negro's Mission in America—What Prominent People are Doing.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

Your issue of the 13th ultimo was handed me this morning by my friend, Mr. A. M. Hodges, with request that I read the article headed, "The Dawning of a New Era." I read said article with great care and deep interest.

About a year ago Mr. Hodges, a close personal and literary friend, prevailed on me to write an article for your valuable journal, which I am proud to say found a place in your columns, and as a result I received, several replies, some quite lengthy—most of them taking opposite views, which of course was their right. I am still of the same opinion, not having seen any thing or condition to change or alter my well-grounded conclusions.

First, let me refer you to the statement of the author in relation to Prof. B. T. Washington's college. The writer or speaker brings forcibly to the front the views I have so long tried to advance that although young men and women in that school are being fitted for the higher grades of mechanical labor there is no field for their employment, and the young men and women are compelled to be floor-sweepers and window-washers for the reason that not a dollar of Negro capital is invested in those factories.

My contention is that for every school house there should be ten stores, for every college there should be fifteen shops and for every church there should be twenty factories.

It is an undisputable fact that men in the almshouse will be but little considered in the exciting times of a Presidential election, because they are wards and not producers. So in racial questions. So long as the Negro walks this broad land with one eye on the church tower and the other on the school-house steeple he, or they as a race, will always be the foot-ball.

Prof. Booker T. Washington is credited with saying that if there were four or five colored millionaires in any city in the United States the color line would disappear in that city. I agree with him fully on that point, but the white man knew that before B. T. W. was born and took steps to prevent any such sight.

The author further says in the North none of the Negroes were slaves, etc. It may seem a little startling to know that the real Northern Negroes of the past are now about as scarce as pork sausages in Jerusalem, and the entire Negro population of which we know anything is composed of either those who migrated North or are the offspring of Southern parents. Again. the article says: "There is no place in the South where the colored man can obtain employment in the shops and factories in the higher branches. He must take menial work," etc., leaving the inference that he can get the higher grades of employment in the North. Again: "The colored man in the South has been patient and industrious."

Let me assure every Southern Negro that you are but dimly acquainted with the true force and strength of proscription. The Northern Negro is not even allowed to sweep the floors or wash the windows of Northern shops and factories. He is not employed to any extent at anything to-day in New York. With all her great shipping interests, thousands of docks and piers, there are only three in the whole city that will employ colored men, viz.: Anchor Line to Glasgow, National Line to Liverpool and the Ward Line to Cuba. The great shipping houses would as quickly hire a Negro as a hyena. You might ask, then: Why do we remain here? The answer is plain. Some of us left home in the sunny South with castles in the air, boasting of how we were to return South with affluence and showing what could be done. Having utterly failed, we are hoping against hope, and are ashamed to return worse than when we came.

In the North the prejudice is infinitely worse and twice as deadly as in the South. In the North the Negro can ride in the cars, drink in most of the barrooms, go to a majority of the theatres and cross the river on all the ferryboats the same as the whites, but if he wants to sweep the streets, drive a dirt-cart, ash-cart or swill-wagon, to be a motorman on a street-car, or even to wash car windows, mix mortar, carry a hod, clean castings, hang paper or even be a deck-hand on boats, he finds the barrier in his black face.

It is a fact that every Negro you see North is either trying to be a lawyer or something of that kind, and the younger element can not be taught that the school house and the church of themselves are inadequate to lift the race—and them with it—to anything but book-learned servants.

I am a very much abused man because I boldly assert that the Negro is not making the proper efforts to elevate himself. Until the Negro, as a race, stops the foolish song, "You can have all the world, but give me Jesus," he will never amount to a fig. In this city about 600 poor Negroes negotiated for a church property, agreeing to pay $40,000 for it. Then they voted the pastor $1,800 per year, the sexton $45 per month, the organist $14 per month. Total per month, $189. Mortgage, interest and incidental expenses amounted to near $400 per month. Now I argue that had those people taken the $20,000 cash they had and invested it in some business enterprise the proceeds would have bought them a more handsome church, paid the pastor and given work to a majority if not all the members of the church; but as it is, out of a $40,000 investment only one man gets a living out of it. B. T. Washington's enterprise, for example—who is benefited by the investment but B. T. W. and his few teachers? Do not the parents of the students have to work as hard in the cotton-fields as ever to pay for the tuition? And when they graduate what is before them but the cotton-field and cane-brake of their fathers? Not a factory, not a shop, not an enterprise of any kind to turn to. As the author says, their ability counts for nothing.

Excuse length, but your journal, already in the vanguard—no, not in the vanguard, but the only race paper broad enough to grasp the situation—must bend every effort to awaken the dormant spirits into activity, sound the tocsin and give the Negro an insight or he will sleep another century.

The idea of separating the races does not strike me with favor, yet it may be the means of arousing the Negroes from their sleep, I take it, because it may prove like a police club on the soles of the feet of a "drunk." When shaking does not arouse him a few strokes of the club do the business. This may be the case with the Negro. When he is once taken away from the white man's houses, out of sound of the hum of the white man's spindle and sees that he has to "root, pig, or die," he may awake.

One more thought and I close. The speech of Mrs. L. K. Ray is a masterpiece in its way, but she evidently supposed that every Negro was wholly ignorant of his race's history. It is true that Ham was cursed by a drunken father, and that he did wander to the burning sands of Africa, but was not that same Africa the cradle of the arts and sciences? What is there to-day to commemorate antiquity more noble and glorious than the Egyptian Pyramids? Does not the world to-day owe all its foundation in classics and, in fact, everything great, to that very people who, she says, became "sun-burned, cursed-black savages?" When Mrs. L. K. R. refers to the color of a race as a curse, in the same blessed book we read that another man turned a certain color from a curse from not only a father but a Prophet of God as well. So be a little careful in stone-throwing, or one of your stained glasses may get broken. I challenge history to prove that God ever liberated a people from slavery and left them among their masters that ever became anything while they remained there. When God sent Joseph into Egypt to prepare for His people the Jew could not erect a habitation for himself. All he knew was how to make tents—no knowledge of building, stone-cutting, brick-making, nor even how to prepare for his daily comforts. When he got to the land of Egypt, not then in her glory, but coming to it, he was caught in the tide and was willingly carried as far as he would go as a free man. But God saw that the Jew had no desire to learn those trades which would be of use to him in after years, so he allowed him to be enslaved and forced to learn them, and then delivered the Jew by blood—the destruction of the entire army, King and all, of Egypt. So with the Negro. His was the African jungle. The sun of civilization on its circuit was just rising on the American shores. His last rays had disappeared from that African continent. God in like manner as with the Jew, sent the Negro here that he might regain his knowledge and return to his native land and there demonstrate, as the Jew did in Jerusalem, the wisdom, Christian civilization and culture once so prominent on that now dark continent, and as Mrs. L. K. R. says, one of the races must disappear or they must separate; either the Negro will go as the will of God or the race will be obliterated. The race features to-day are surely disappearing. Very few black children are born at this day in the North, and a real dark Negro man is almost a curiosity.

We are not confronted with a theory, but with a fact; and after all has been said and done the Negro must awaken to the truth, not as he would have it, but as it really is.

The old, illiterate Negro owned, or was supposed to own, the home he occupied, but his head was or is scarcely covered in the grave ere his family is seeking other quarters. Why this is so is food for thought. Our girls go to High School here in the North with white girls, graduate in the same class. The colored girl's mother is washerwoman for the white girl's mother. The white girl has a nice home, and every avenue in life is open to her The colored girl, with all her ability, has the wash-tub to revert to and the baby-carriage. There are in the South to-day hundreds of nice young lady graduates praying for a place to teach school at poor salaries, with nothing better in sight.

Let a few colored men start a business enterprise and relieve the glut in the market, and give these young girls a chance to make use of what they have learned. Colored people, build no more schools, colleges or churches until you get a few factories.

Thanking you for past favors and hoping for you every success, I am yours, etc., GEO. A. CORPREW,

Most Sup. Book Keeper I. S. D. C.

A Flourishing City.

Demopolis, Ala., Special.

Demopolis is a beautiful city situated on the east bank of the Tombigbee river, one mile north. The Black Warrion river empties its waters in the Tombigbee. The Great Southern Railroad passes through east and west within a radius of five miles. Our little city ha a population of 3,000. We have three schools and the following churches: A. M. E. Church, F. B. Morland, pastor; First Baptist, C. W. Wallace, pastor; A. M. E. Zion Church, E. Hunter, pastor; Second Baptist Church, L. S. Steinback, pastor. The Black Belt Normal Institute is in a flourishing condition under the management of Prof. U. S. Jones, president, and S.N. Brasfield, assistant. We have a third teacher, Miss M. L. Scott. Our people say The Freeman is the paper for them.

"The war of Roses."

New Albany, Ind., Special.

Eugene Lucas, of Evansville, spent a few days with us last week. Mr Webb, of West Seventh street, is suffering on account of a dislocation of his shoulders. Miss Emma Foster, of Louisville, witnessed the Peak Sisters' entertainment Thursday night. A grand musicale will be given under the management of Miss Nannie Stith at Zion A. M. E. Church Monday night. Bethel A. M. E. Church presented two entertainments of rare merit last week, and both were successes socially and financially. "The War of Roses," presented under the management of Misses Nannie Cannon, Daisy Welch and Lucy Mitchem, attracted a large audience from the Fall cities. The following young ladies, dressed in red and white, and adorned with numerous roses, participated in the event: Addie Russell, Mayme Mucker, Lola Bailey, Pearl Grundy, Bertha Rickman, May Grundy, Nannie Stith, Daisy Welch, Blanche Sterrett, Nannie Cannon, Lucy Mitchem, Jessie Williams, Susie Thompson, Anna Graham, Emma Young, Gertrude Evans, of Louisville The Japanese umbrella drill by ten little girls and two boys, and the fan drill by sixteen young ladies, and the "Peak Sisters," under the management of Mrs. G. A. and Samuel Ratliff, drew an immense audience to Odd Fellows Hall. The entertainment was one of the best ever given here. In our next we will give an account of the Baptist Christian Vanguard and Bethel's big rally.

Glasgow News Items.

Glasgow, Ky., Special.

The remains of Mrs. Polly Murrell were buried last Saturday afternoon in the Odd Fellows' cemetery. She died Friday night, the 3d inst., after a two-weeks' illness. The funeral sermon was delivered by Rev. B. C. Tolbert. Mrs. Murrell leaves a husband, two children, two brothers and two sisters. Her death is regretted by her many friends. Patronize H. Shirley, the colored grocer, Main street. The Glasgow Normal will open the first Monday in January next. W. L. Bowman, principal; J. T. Whitney, assistant; Trustees: James Mansfield; chairman, Garriet Mansfield. Stephen Landrum, C. S. Manier and J. T. Whitney are the prominent colored lawyers of this city; office in the Landrum building, Green street. Patronize J. H. Moran, the colored grocer, in the southern part of the city. Stephen Landrum is the wealthiest colored man in the county. Patronize the best colored paper in the world, The Freeman, V. W. Dunn, agent; 5 cents a copy, $1.50 a year. Miss Sallie Barlow is on the sick list.

A Pleasant Party.

Donnels, Tenn., Special.

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Sincerely, Albert Ayers,
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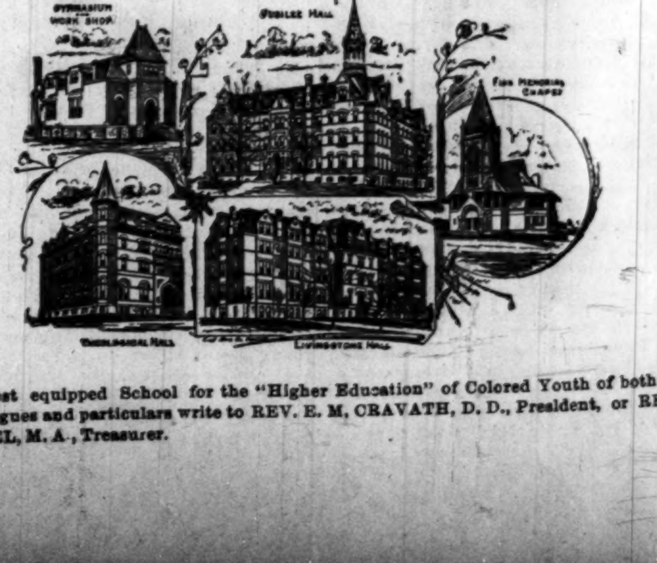

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CHAPTER XV

Henry Clifford was a young white man, a New Englander, a native of the old Bay State and the town of Lynn. His great grand parents came over on the "Mayflower." He was of the pure blue blood. He was about thirty years old at the date of this chapter. He was an employee—a salesman in the Empire Clothing store. Clifford was born under an unlucky star—the star of unfinancial success—the star of everlasting debt. If not "from cradle to the grave," from the time he was old enough to take a hand at primitive gambling—playing marbles, tops and buttons "for keeps"—until he died, he was in debt. He was always "robbing Peter to pay Paul" until he reached middle manhood then he robbed both Peter and Paul and immediately went into bankruptcy and refused to pay either.

At the beginning of his career, he was not dishonest; he was simply a bad manager who was always in debt. He would loose fifty marbles in a game and borrow one hundred, pay the fifty, win say fifty more, and pay fifty on account, or pay the whole one hundred and borrow fifty more from some other. So although a good winner at the game, he was always paying off old debts and contracting new ones or in other words always winning "nibs," "agates" and "reels" for the other boys who were his creditors. When the boys discarded their marbles and tops and entered the village High school, Clifford was still in their debt. He then commenced to borrow books and pocket money in the same way with the same results until he graduated. He then entered one of the leading shoe firms of his town as book-keeper, but was soon in debt to every one in the town. He was not a fast liver or wild oats sower, simply a bad manager. When he was about twenty-six years old his father told him one day that he had made his will and converted everything into cash so that his children would not be able to break the will after his death or wrong one another. The old man told Henry, who was the youngest of three children, that his share was three thousand dollars, but as he was two thousand and odd dollars in debt his father had paid these debts. The old man gave him the balance with a lecture. This so enraged Clifford that he at once left home and went to Chicago where the balance of his money passed from his ownership in the usual manner. He then went to New York, with the firm belief that the world was his debtor, and that it was his duty to collect a part of the debt from every one with whom he had either business or social relations. He entered the employment of the Empire Clothing Store at heart a dishonest misanthropic malcontent.

> "I am a misanthropos—I hate mankind."
> Misanthropy, with visage sour, that sat
> And looked askance upon the ways of men,
> As might a wounded bear from out his den,
> Longing to eat those he was looking at."

CHAPTER XVI

Strange ambitions and desires seize the human mind during life. So strange are some of them and so different the ages they take hold on us that the sage, who is a professor of the doings of humanity, annot map out a chart for nature's student who is a novice.

Such was Brown's case; a strange ambition or desire seized him. If you call it ambition. it was to own a fashionable plot in the center of a leading Brooklyn cemetery. If a desire, it was a wish to have a resting place for his ashes, marked by a headstone, where his friends, if he had any, at his demise, could shed a tear, and his foes (which he certainly would have, as they are the legacy of humanity) could utter a curse. He worked the two weeks of the Christmas holidays at the Empire Clothing store, and the last Saturday night expected to find in his pay envelope a slip of paper with the fatal sentence, well-known to all persons who have worked in stores or with mercantile houses to-wit: "Your services are no longer required." He had prepared for this by paying rent for a small hall bed room (lodging) for one month in advance which gave him a sleeping home for that time, but not an eating one.

As soon as he received his pay envelope he stole away from the other employees and opened it. There was no "discharge notice" in it; there was nothing but his weekly pay. Joy, doubt, fear and hope by turns filled his mind. First, joy that he had not been "laid off," (which as the reader doubtless knows is the business term for an honorable discharge) then doubt told him that his discharge slip had been overlooked, and fear told him he would receive it Monday morning. Hope then rushed forward and told him he was not discharged. Trusting hope he went to work as usual the next Monday morning but a little late, about half an hour.

"Hey-o, Forrester, I was just telling Jimmie we would not see you any more, as you were 'laid off' and that I was sorry to loose you, as you were the best extra man we ever had," said Tom.

"But you do see me although I am a little late this morning."

"Well, dust out the office, the other work's done."

This just suited Brown, who was not quite sure that he was still an employee of the firm and concluded to make the dusting last until Mr. Draper came, so he could be quietly informed if he was discharged. "Jimmie" looked at his watch and remarked in an undertone in Irish-English that seven o'clock was sixty minutes past six and not seventy-five.

A word between the lines about "Jimmie." He was a "North of Ireland" (Protestant) Irishman, who had been for years in the emyloyment of Mr. Draper long before the Empire Clothing store was opened. Mr. Draper picked him out from a lot of "greenhorns" at "Castle Garden" some ten years before the opening of this chapter, and took him to his farm at South Norwalk, Conn. When the Empire Clothing store was opened he brought him to New York. "Jimmie" was tried, faitnful and true. The position he held in the store, (where he slept) was a combination one. He was watchman (a sleeping one) head porter, (ex-officio), confidential man, messenger, spy, detective, right-hand-man, salesman, (ex-officio) and a mystery to the other employees. When Mr. Draper entered the store he greeted our hero with "good morning" Forrester, by which Brown knew he was not discharged. He worked on for weeks, so did Tom until the latter found out that the firm was going to keep two colored men and then he again started in for hard drinking. One Saturday noon a month or so later, he rushed into the store drunk and fell on the floor and was discharged on the spot.

"Can you take charge of this store, Forrester, and get a good second man?" asked old man Draper.

"Yes sir, but I would not like to undermine Tom who was the cause of my being here and who has been better to me than, I regret to say, he has been to himself."

"Well, Tom's discharged; I've put up with him on account of his family too long; now if you have too much sympathy for him, why keep your own place and I'll get a man in his who will get four dollars a week more than you. Talk quick!"

"I'll take the place and get you a good second man," was Brown's business-like reply. He got a good man.

The next Saturday night he found twelve dollars in his envelope instead of eight, and from that night for upwards of a year was able to save a few dollars for days of rain. The money thus saved he invested in a plot in the Cypress Hill Cemetry of Brooklyn and to improve the same. The following incidents were the cause of the investments:

One day he read in the morning papers of the death of a man once rich—a man of noble English birth, (a defunct Count, Lord, Duke or something of the kind) who died at the poor house on "Blackwell's Island" and was buried in the Potter's field. This item of news started him reflecting, wondering where he would "sleep the sleep that knows waking" if he suddenly died. A few days later he read of the same fate of an ex-belle of Chicago, who had gone from bad to worse and was disowned by her friends, died and filled a New York beggar's grave. He was still more impressed about the need of a grave for himself. Soon after he read the account of the same fate of an unknown colored man, who the papers said, had beyond a doubt "seen better days." He at once resolved to buy a plot for himself while he had the money. The other employees of the firm were always talking about buying a house and lot, but our hero was always thinking of buying for himself a grave.

> "Tu secanda marmora
> Locas sub ipsum funus: et supulchri
> Immemor, struis domos."

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"Like possum, missy! I loves possum. Dare ain't no eatin like possum. De possum am good, but de gravy with sweet potatoes is better. Did you never eat possum, missy? Den you didn't know what good eatin was. But mebbe you all wouldn't know how to cook Mr. Possum, fur dar's ebbyt'ing in de know how."

"Well, then, tell me how you cook it," she said.

The old man set the possum and potatoes down on the pavement, or, as they call it in New Orleans, the "banquet," and with a look of earnest concentration began with: "Now, don't you never forget jest what I'ze gwine to tell you about how to cook de possum. Well de fust t'ing you does is to get your possum. Dat may be easy fur you uns, but 'tain't fur me—dat is, always. Well, den, when you's dun got your possum you skins him fust. Den you puts him into de pot with cold water an put de pot over a hot fire, an den you parbiles him—not too much—fur you doan't want to lose any of his nice sweet fat. Den you takes him out of de pot an you dries him in a clean towel. Den you puts him into a big fryin pan. Den you scrapes de skin off your sweet potatoes an you puts dem into de same pan with Mr. Possum. Den you has your stove red, an den you puts de pan an possum an potatoes into de oven an den go away fur a little while, but not too long.

"Den when you comes back you puts in a little hot water, an den you begins an bastes de possum an de sweet potatoes, an you keeps on a-bastin an a-bastin till de possum is a good brown—jest like my color—an de sweet potatoes is soft an juicy an de gravy is almost black an plenty of it. Den you takes it out of de oven, an den you sots de table, an den—well, den you bars de doors, fur de smell of cooked possum goes a long ways, an when you have only one possum you doan't want much company besides yourself."

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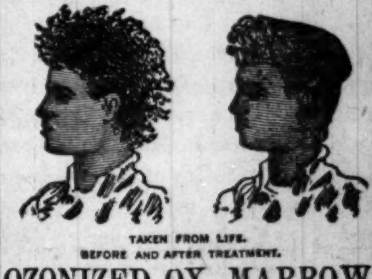

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HAYTI.

The Negroes of America are a unit in protesting against the insult Germany has offered Hayti. It is not without a cause that they have thus agreed. The Emperor has set his face like a flint against the little Republic and there is none to say nay. This episode has gone a great way in demonstrating the fact that the nations of Europe are not so sociable as it has been supposed. When the German Emperor insisted that the Haytiens were impudent Niggers with a smattering of French civilization he used very unkingly language, such as will not serve to enhance his kingly dignity. The concensus of opinions of the enlightened press of the world expressed or intimated is that King William has condescended to play the tyrant, the bully, and, even more, he has been extremely insulting. There is perhaps no need of arguing the case further, for it is very evident that he prides himself on his great executiveness in all things, and he who can unload a Bismarck can have no scruples in giving Hayti such a scourging.

NEGROES DISFRANCHISED.

The startling information now comes that the Negroes of South Carolina have at last been practically disfranchised. It will be remembered that the present Senator from that State, Tillman, and others—but Tillman in the main—were instrumental in calling a Constitutional convention in that State about two years ago for the purpose, as understood and oft times expressed, of disfranchising the Negroes. They incorporated in the new Constitution an educational test, it might well be termed, that called for the correct reading of any passage in the Constitution, or a correct understanding of the same, before a citizen was eligible to vote. It seems that in the time given for registration, until January 1, 1898, only 12,000 Negroes out of 144,000 have as yet complied with the law on the subject. It is not quite clear at this time why more than 12,000 have not registered, unless it is the ratio of unlettered Negroes—one to twelve.

A NEW ERA.

Since Mr. J. L. Grayson, the young colored gentleman, has been added to our editorial staff we have gained a great many colored subscribers and have lost only a few pig-headed white trash that have not got sense enough to know that we are just entering a new era.—Hardeman Free Press.

In the language of Rev. Jasper, "De sun do move." This is a "white" paper in Hardeman, Tenn, that made this innovation. It has added Mr. Grayson to its editorial staff and proposes to "lay" by him. They know a good thing and are not going to be mulcted out of it by any doughfaceism. We do not wish the managers ill, but as it has been said of Juliet, when they die they should be ground into powder and sprinkled over the South to make it fine.

THE Emperor of Germany is showing 'em how to do it. He's making a name for himself. Poor Hayti and poor Loo, they weep and they weep alone. "'Twas but yesterday and the world," etc.

THE Emancipation Proclamation celebration will be held at Roanoke, Virginia, January 1, 1898. The move is in the right direction. The day is not to be neglected by intent or inadvertance.

THE act of the Ohio legislature that gave damsges to persons assaulted or killed by mobs has been declared unconstitutional in that state. This presumably is the law champione dby H. C. Smith.

WE acknowlege the receipt of an invitation to be present at at the sixth annual celebration of the Whittier Historical Association of Memphis, Tenn., on the evening of Dec. 17th, 1897, at the Colllins Chapel.

THE papers over the country are wellnigh a unit in conceding to Hon. B. K. Bruce ability, dignity and general respectability. These are some of the cardinal virtues necessary at any rate. His ability to succeed will prove that he has the others, whatever they may be.

THE New York Age of this week thinks the McKinley administration has no penchant for Negro editors. It is a fact, possibly unnoted before, that there are no editors among the appointments up to this time.

WILLIAM WATSON WOOLLEN, the well-known member of the Marion county bar, is receiving very favorable mention for Judge of the Criminal Court of Marion county. Mr. Woollen is what may be termed a legal light. He has been a pronounced friend of the colored people.

FROM all indications Dr. Henry W. Furniss, of this city, has been selected for the Bahian consulship. Dr. Furniss is an intelligent, capable young man who will without doubt fill the position with complete satisfaction to the government. He is a graduate of the Indianapolis schools. He graduated in medicine from Howard University, Washington, D. C.

THE whole country sympathizes with President McKinley in his bereavement in the loss of his mother. She has rounded out a good term of years and doubtless reached the summit of her earthly yearnings in the exaltation of her son. She saw as few mothers only can see in a President a son who, so far as earthly ambitions are concerned, has encompassed the whole gamut of possibilities. Her end doubtless was complacent and serene, unvexed by probable future results here or hereafter.

THIS indeed is the era of civilization by means of Expositions. The country has had and is having a series of those colossal undertakings since the great World's Fair at Chicago. California, Georgia and Tennessee have followed fast in the wake of that immense punctuation in the affairs of the nineteenth century. Now comes the Trans-Mississippi International Exposition, to be held in Omaha June to November, 1898. This exposition will be of the West westernly, and the West, the nation's granary and quarries, will leave nothing undone to emphasize the importance of the undertaking.

THE civil service rules are now receiving attention. In the language of the street they are at the bat. The chances are that there will be some modifications of the regulations in keeping with the President's Message. There is no use in attempting to disguise the fact that the question is an extremely dangerous one for our present law-makers. The whole thing to them will resolve itself thus: —— if you do and —— if you don't. But, however, the oft-repeated assertion of willingness to die for one's country is in order, if the country is in the throes of dissolution—save the country!

A FEW OF THE GOOD THINGS

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"The Unwritten Law," by Ex-Gov. P. B. S. Pinchback.

"Shall There be a Negro National Party?" Ex-Recorder of Deeds C. H. J. Taylor.

"A Review of Our Past Year's Existence as a Race of People," D. Augustus Straker.

"Emancipation Day," Rev. Moses Dickson.

"A New Year's Resolution," Ex-Senator John P. Green.

"The Beauty of Thought," Dr. M. A. Majors.

"The Function of a Truly Race Paper," Chas. R. Douglass.

"The Political Duty of the Hour," Augustus M. Hodges.

"The Children's Christmas Story," Alice Ruth Moore.

"Washington City—The Athens of Colored Americans," W. T. Menard.

"Christmas Greeting," Alexander Sanders, jr., Brooklyn, N. Y.

"Civil Service Law," T. H. Reginald Clark.

"A Dream's Fulfillment," Edward Elmore Brock.

"What the Omen," W. S. Scarborough.

"Great Men of the A. M. E. Church," Dr. John M Henderson.

The following telegram was received from Booker T. Washington:

"What Afro-American Leaders Should Do," Francis Herbert Warren.

"A Few Conditions, not Theories which should Alarm the Negro," Lillian Thomas.

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THE WAY THE MEXICAN REGARDS LYNCHING.

Arroyo, the man who attempted to assassinate President Diaz, of Mexico, was duly arrested and afterward assassinated or lynched by admirers of the president. The inspector general of the police, Velasquez by name, was in collusion with those who lynched Arroyo, but when he saw that the unlawful deed was disapproved by those in authority, even the president himself condemning it, and not upheld by public sentiment, Velasquez committed suicide. Last week several persons who took part in the lynching were put on trial, nine of whom were condemned to be shot.

President Diaz announces that he is determined to uphold the law of the land, and the sentiment of the country seems to sustain him. It seems strange that persons whom we consider in special need of our religion and to whom even the M. E. Church South sends missionaries should hold such views on lynching, the great crime of this nation. Let us save the heathen that they may in turn save us.—Southwestern Advocate.

The very decisive action on the part of Mexico will doubtless be a wholesome antidote for lynching in that country. There are other countries not a thousand miles away that might profit by the example.

THE ministers and leaders of the A. M. E. and M. E. Churches in Dover, Del, have passed resolutions condemning the "camp-meeting." These meetings at one time were justly popular and profitable spiritually and financially; but of late years the tendency has been toward the pleasure side altogether as expressed by that body. They have, however, permitted the "institution" to flourish a while longer with conditions that may mean the speedy termination of these well-known meetings. This body of ministers have been bold enough or advanced sufficiently to declare that the camp-meetings in that vicinity in the recent past have been disgraceful affairs. It is very likely that the stand taken by the leaders and ministers at Dover will be infectious. and the results will eventually redound to the good of the race.

Literary Note.

"The Political Philosophy of Aristotle"* is the subject of a recent contribution to political science by Prof. Isaac Loos, of the State University of Iowa. It is issued by the American Academy of Political and Social Science in its series of publications, and contains an outline of Aristotle's theories about the state discussed under the headings of the origin of the state, its constitution, its government, its administration and the ideal state. The origins of modern political thought can be traced back to Greece, and no writer of antiquity had so clear a grasp of fundamental principles as Aristotle. Prof. Loos' summary of Aristotle's political theories will be a welcome help to those who know of them only by reputation and to whom the original sources are inaccessible.

*LOOS, ISAAC. "The Political Philosophy of Aristotle." American Academy of Political and Social Science. Publication No. 212. Pp. 24. Paper, 8vo. Price, 25c. Philadelphia, 1897.

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New Albany, Ind., Special.

Pursuant to calls issued from both the Jeffersonville and Louisville Ministerial Association, the following divines, pastors of the various Methodist, Congregational and Christian churches of the Fall cities met in a joint session at Bethel A. M. E. church, this city, Tuesday of last week. Revs. J. W. Luckett, A. Jackson, Dr. T. A. Thompson, L. W. Ratliffe, E. D. W. Jones, E. G. Harris, S. W. Parr, R. T. Anderson, F. P. Baker, R. L. Cherry, J. W. Rice, J. E Warren, W. W. Dorsey, H. Lewis and E. H. Curry, P. E. Revs. Curry and Jones were selected chairman and secretary respectively. In a few brief remarks the chairman stated the object of the assembly was to form an organization to publish a paper in the interest of the different churches here represented. The matter was discussed pro and con, after which it was decided to publish a paper to be called The Pulpit, The first issue to appear before Christmas. Rev. Jones of Jacob Street Zion church was selected as editor and Rev. T. A. Thompson of Quinn Chapel, Louisville, associate editor; L. W. Ratliffe, chairman; F. P. Baker, R. L. Cherry, R. W Rice, J. E. Warren, W. W. Dorsey and H. Lewis were selected as the board of managers.

Little Edna, the daughter of Dr. W. S. Vance, is on the sick list. Miss Mayme Richardson, who has been teaching school in Kentucky has returned home. Rev. R. W. Cherry of Zion A M E. church was the recipient of many life-sustaining articles broughs him by the members and friends of his congregation last week. Bethel's grand rally closed Tuesday, and from the appearance of things quite a sum was realized. On Sunday afternoon Rev. T. A. Thompson, pastor of Quinn Chapel preached an able sermon. Rev. Evans assisted in the morning and evening services. Rev. Baker brought a large representation from Jeffersonville. The Kreimer quartet sang at St. James A. M. E. church last week, and at Asbury Chapel Louisville, Thursday. Messrs. Samuel Jucker, Richard Cooper, Maurice McPheeters and Richard Campbell compose the quartet. The Second Baptist's Christian Vanguard closed Monday evening, at which time prizes were awarded the successful contestants. Rev. Dr. Puace, D. D., of Kentucky preached to a large audience Sunday afternoon. The Vanguard was a success in every particular, which was largely due the efficient pastor, Rev. S. C. Manuel. Miss Mamie Stith was the manager of a very successful concert at Zion church Monday night.

The Jubilee a Success.

Joplin, Mo., Special.

More copies of The Freeman were wanted last week, but the agent could not disappoint the regular subscribers. Mrs. Geo. Pierce was on the sick list last week. Mrs. M. Mason entertained Mrs. Huston of Neosho last Thursday. The Jubilee of last Thursday evening was a success financially, and the program and elegant supper was fully appreciated. Owing to a disappointment, the grand march was not at all what it might have been. The solo by Mrs. Huston was encored; the recital of "Knaves" was especially good as were the other recitations. The singing by the quartet was quaint and lively. Baptist church is preparing a cantata for the the 24th. The different churches will have Christmas entertainments. The teachers and several of the citizens contemplate attending the Annual Association of teachers at Southwest Missouri at Springfield, Mo., during the holidays. The public school at Carthage is said to be in good condition under the management of Prof. B. F. Adams, with Miss Alice M. Walker, assistant. Miss Ida B. Murray, a popular young lady, is president of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission. Chas. Yarbor, after an absence of more than a year, has returned home from Ft. Wayne, Ind. The choir of Lincoln school is rendering harmonious music under the direction of Prof. Greene. Messrs. Henry Beechem, Burton Mason and Chauncey Dupee are promising vocalists. Mrs. Huston of Neosho, in company with Mrs. Chas. Knaves, Mrs. Jas. Ewing and Mrs. Johnson of this city, were visitors at the school Thursday evening. Literary at the A. M. E. church every Friday evening. Mrs. Knaves, president. Robert Pierce is receiving requests for his services as agent. The last is from Kentucky. Thanks to the Freeman. J. C. Curry is a popular gentleman of the city. Al G Field's Colored Minstrel was in the city Sunday and Monday nights. Several of the members were conspicuous on the streets. Harry Fidler dined with the Ayres family Sunday. Mr. Fidler is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Ayres. See the Freeman at the Imperial barber shop. C. H. Knaves, proprietor; Ruth, Hardy and Hatton journeymen.

Letest News Notes.

Columbus, O., Special.

Miss Mary Hood, of Cleveland, who came to this city Friday night to visit her sister at 664 Capitol street, was robbed of her pocket-book and trunk-checks as the train pulled into the depot. Walter Smith was sent to the Boys' Industrial Home at Lancaster for truancy. Gen. B. Hobson, who had charge of the will and all the private papers of J. Finley Brown, a prominent white citizen who died last week, was cited before the Probate Court by a brother of the deceased for the purpose of making him disclose the whereabouts of the papers. Daniel Jardon, of North Columbus, was buried from the Betheny Baptist Church December 9. Funeral sermon by K. C. Minor, pastor of the church. Henry Royal, of Newark, O., is being tried before the United States Court for issuing fraudulent pension affidavits. The Coachmen's Club gave an entertainment Friday night at Odd Fellows' Hall, which was largely attended. After refreshments had been served dancing was the order of the evening. The musical and literary entertainment under the auspices of the Shiloh Baptist Sunday-school, given Thursday night by home talent, was well attended. The solos, duets, recitations, dialogues, etc, were perfectly rendered. The committee deservee credit for the interest they took to make it the success it proved to be. S. H. Black, Goldie Tann and Hester Johns, committee. William Fuson, a member of Company A, U. S. Army has charged William Lee, bell-boy at the Hotel Chittenden, with cutting him in a row at the Star restaurant. Mann Deffs, of Plain City, is visiting John Duguid on Main street. W. Lambert has commenced house-keeping on Talmadge street. Our city is full of colored politicians looking after the interests of their friends. Their seems to be quite a fight for the position of enrolling clerk of the house, nine or ten men being proposed candidates. H. Adams has trimmed his sail and expects to reach the harbor in safety. Hotel Triplett arrivals: Chas. Stewart, Waco, Texas; W. H. Dudey, St. Louis; E. J. Smith, Lancaster, O.; W. K. Beasley, Findlay, O.; Charles Moore, Chicago; Charles Nuble, Pittsburg, Pa.; Ed. Groves, Springfield, O.

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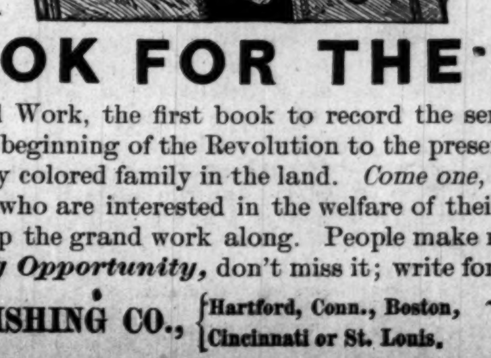

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SPECIAL NOTICE—All matter and "cuts" intended for our Christmas Number must not reach us later than Tuesday December 21.

James Whites is stage director with the Georgia Graduates.

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"Trip to Coontown," is playing to excellent business in the East.

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The Windom Quartette, met with high approval at Keith's New Theatre, Boston, last week.

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Herbert La She, slack wire artist and comedian has joined Lew Hall's Plantation Minstrels.

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The Georgia Minstrels sick list includes: Messrs Albert Stokes, Allie Brown and I. N. Smith.

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Harry Brown, lightning artist, was at the Olympia Musee and Theatre, Milwaukee, Wis., last week.

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Prof. L. A. Lucas, of the Imperial Concert Company has composed a march entitled "The Clipper March."

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Al. and Mamie Anderson, sketch artists, were on the vaudeville bill at Austin and Stone's Museum, Boston, last week, and made a big hit.

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Dick Thomas, with Richard and Pringles Minstrels, brings down the house every night with his end song "A Watermelon Spoiling Down at Johnson's."

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Geo. Rhone, trombonist with the Georgias has compelled the boys to give him the upper sign having received from C. G. Conn a fine gold-plated trombone, W. O. Terry, soloist, is still agent for the firm.

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The Wilson Family, Geo. R., Ella B. and Master Ormonde, in their original Creation, entitled "A Coon Soiree." are proving to be one of the greatest novelties ever produced by colored artists. They are at the Alhambra, Milwaukee, this week, with the Olympic, Chicago, to follow.

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The Epsilon Colored Quartette, of Elmira, N. Y., composed of James Armstrong, first tenor; E. U. A. Brooks, second tenor; Syl. Deskins, baritone, and C. G. K. Dorsey, basso, sang in Waverly, N. Y., Nov. 26th, in Chemung. N. Y., Dec. 2nd, Weelsburg, N. Y., Dec. 7th, and in Elmira, Dec. 10th.

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Birdie Smith's North Carolina Minstrels and Creole show are meeting with great success through Maryland. Birdie Smith is making a big hit with his new song "Our Club House." Billy and Clara Better in their original act entitled "Who's at That Door." are receiving great applause. Miss Better is the champion colored lady sparrer and bag puncher.

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Columbus, O., boasts of the leading colored orchestra in the country. They are kept busy filling engagements for the swellest white entertainments. It is known as the Peoples' Orchestra and is composed of the following members: Guy Foley, 1st violin; Lester Scott, 2nd violin; Eddie Rickman, cornet; Willie Jones, trombone; Henry Dickey, flute and picolo; Thomas Howard, bass; Harry Foley, cello; Arthur Lawrence, clarionets; and Will Cook, trap drums.

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The Imperial Concert Co., are making a tour of Indiana, Michigan and Ohio, and are meeting with much success. The company is composed of the following people: The Black Melba, Maggie Petterson; Madame V. M. Gilliam Lewis, reader; Madame Morgan Hall, Contralto; Master W. C. Fields, tenor vocalist; Mamie Johnson, accompanist; Ollie C. Hall, humorist, vocalist; Prof. L. A. Lucas, violin, mandolin and guitar; Lucas and Hall managers; Burton Murrey, agent.

Jas. S. Lacy, leader of the famous Georgia Minstrels Band and Orchestra, has raised the standard of minstrel music to the highest pinacle. The roster of this famous band includes the following, stars: S. B. Foster, Albert Stokes, Buddie Robinson, Solo Bb cornetist; Robt. Leah, L. Tio, Clarionets; J. Ed. Green, 1st Bb corinet; Allie Brown, Piccalo; W. A. Dean, Solo Alto; Chas. Covington, I. N. Smith, 1st and 2nd Altos; P. A. Woods, J. E. Jackson, Baritones; W. O. Terry, Trombone soloist; G. B. Rhone, Sam Burns, 1st and 2nd Trombonists; John Eason, Joe Ravisee, Eb and Bb Tubas; Dick Thomas, Snare drum; Henry Carter, Bass drum; Wm. Dixon, Cymbals; and when they finish playing "Nuff Ced."

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Notes from the Old Sunny South Colored Show.—Roster: Geo. Tipton, manager and proprietor; Tom W. Davis, stage manager; Emma Davis, leading soprano; Roy Taborn, T. C. Bridges, Jack Williams, Robert Williams, Chester Jackson, Minnie Anderson, Alice Wilson, Jennie Jones, Mamie Jackson, Ed. Forberg, Willie Dyer, Chas. Mitchell, Sunny South Quartette, Prof. T. C. Bridges' Black Hussar Band of twelve mouth pieces. We have turned 'em away every performance since our opening. Our closing sketch, "Darktown Masquerade Ball," is catching 'em, and our cake walk is the finest on the stage.

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Notes from Richard and Pringles Georgia Minstrels:—"One of the grandest events in the history of professional doings was the reception tendered Chas. Carrington, comedian, with Richard Pringles Minstrels, by the citizens of Vicksburg, Miss., on the night of Dec. 6th, the company played to an immense audience after which they assembled by invitation, to the cafe conducted by Mr. W. E. Robinson. After partaking of the elaborate supper Prof. Mat B. Reynolds offered the toast, "Our Charley," which was amidst much applause ably responded to by the Hon. W. E. Molisor, followed by light addreses from W. O. Terry, Joseph Ravisee, J. Ed. Green and W. A. Dean, members of the Georgia's. Mr. Carrington was then called upon and delighted his home and traveling companions with many a witty saying. Vicksburg is Mr. Carrington's home, and the citizens did not fail to show that they held Mr. Carrington in the highest esteem. The festivities lasted till the wee hours of the morning appeared, then citizens and minstrels dispersed to meet again some future day, the reception was under the mangement of Mr. James Bias.

Latest News Notes.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

Miss C. B. Trail, who has been quite sick is much better. Ellie Brown and little sister are up again but will not be able to be in school again this term.

We are glad to have in our midst Miss Eliza McChristian. Prof. J. C. McAdams left on the 1st, for Florida, where he will spend the winter. Presiding Elder Rya held quarterly conference at Woodfork Chapel this week. Much preparation is being made for the opening of the Turner Indutrial school The Japanese wedding at the A. M E. church and the opossum entertainment at Mt. Zion Baptist were both a financial success. Mrs. Washington Talley had a fall recently, which was quite serious, she is better at this writing. "The young People's Digest" is the name of a new literary society of recent organization. With its wide awake Pres. Mrs. W. J. Anderson it can but succeed. Prof. R. P. Purdy is at home for a rest. Mrs. Elnora Bow man, Mrs. Tennessee Murray, Miss Virginia L. Hamilton and Miss C B Trail are on the sick list. The public school closed on the 17th, with exercises of high order, the teachers deserve great credit for their painstaking and arduous labors. R. L. Whiteside was promoted and he will certainly fill the bill. Nothing but success clould be the result with such able and efficient assistants as Mrs. L. H. McAdams Miss Maggie Davis and Miss L J. Washington Rev. Prim moves on in the even tenor of his way and the members of the M. E. church need be proud. Rev. J. E. Bowman and son took the contract of making repairs on Turner Normal and Theological Institute and they have done excellent work. All are proud of the improvements. The prospects for the school are brighter than ever before, many students from a distance are expected after Christmas' Ed. Thompson led Miss Nannie Essman to the altar a few days ago, Rev. B. A. J. Nixon officiated.

Items of Interest.

Tuscumbia, Ala., Special.

Quite a number of teachers were in the city on the 4th inst. receiving their salaries. Rev. N. L. Edmondson is the popular presiding elder of the Florence district of the North Alabama Conference. The Baptist church is receiving a new coat of paint, which will add much to its beauty. Why not erect a parsonage? The members of the A. M. E. Church are delighted with the return of Rev. A. A. Sensabaugh as pastor for the third year. We congratulate them upon having such an excellent man. Prof. G. W. Trenholm, principal of the city school, will conduct a teachers' institute Dec. 30-31 at Sheffield, Ala. Miss A. E. Fountain spent the 11th and 12th days of the present month at Florence. Rev. S.E Edwards is the good pastor of the Florence A. M. E. Church. Miss M. Nelson, of Athens, Ala., was in the city on the 11th inst. A goodly number of Tuscumbians paid Memphis, Tenn., a flying visit on the 12th inst The city school is moving on splendidly. The bright boys and girls are doing their best. Rev. L. Leslie is the much-loved pastor of the C. M E. Church. The B. Y. P. U. is both entertaining and instructive.

Latest Notes of General Interest.

Keokuk, Ia., Special.

Mrs. W. E. Steele and Miss Ella Draine departed last Sunday evening for Montgomery City, Mo., called there by the serious illness of a relative. Miss Maud M. Harris spent last Sunday in Canton, Mo., the guest of Mrs. Brown. Mrs. Jennie Diggs pleasantly entertained a few friends last Wednesday evening at her home in Franklin street. Homer Jones, who is employed in the press-room of the Tri-state Can Company, had one of his fingers caught in the machinery, and it was so lacerated that it had to be amputated. Mrs Cora Cropp, who has been sick, is able to be out again. Wednesday the 15th was the date of the wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. G. M Tillman. Miss Mattie Clemens left last Wednesday night for Columbia, Mo., where she will spend several weeks visiting relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. E. Proctor are on the sick list.

Abraham Lincoln's Home.

Petersburg, Ill., Special.

The sample copies of your paper sent to Mr. Frank Penick last week were received and distributed among some of the Afro-Americans in this place. I am glad to note that all who received a copy were highly pleased and anxious to add their names to its list of supporters. In the future Mr. Penick will act as your agent. He is an earnest, Christian gentleman, with a heart full of pride for the race. He will do all in his power to promote its interest here. Petersburg is a beautiful city of about 15,000 inhabitants and about 150 Afro-Americans. It is situated on the Sangamon river, and is the county seat of Menard county. It has the distinction of being the old home of Abraham Lincoln. We have one church here, of the Baptist denomination, Rev. William Bates is pastor.

A Mistake Corrected.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

I wish to correct a mistake in the last minutes of the A. M. E. conference concerning the names of the officers of the Woman's Mite Missionary Society. The officers are as follows: Mrs. M. A. Teister, president; Mrs. G. A. Ratliffe, Mrs. Ella Murry, Mrs. Ida Allen, vice presidents; Mrs. Hattie Ferguson, financial secretary; Mrs. Anna Clayborn, recording secretary; Rev. Mrs. Z. D. Johnson, organist; Mrs. Susie Porter, treasurer. Executive Board: Mrs. Sarah Hale, Mrs. Hattie Ferguson, Mrs. Zelts D. Johnson, Mrs. Eliza McDaniel, Mrs Susie Porter. I make this statement for the benefit of those who may wish to address them during the year.

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An Enjoyable Affair.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Hoard sympathize with them over the loss of their youngest son. Harry A Ralston is all smiles over the arrival of a great big boy. Mr. Joe Alexander of Rogersville, is in the city. Mr. Chas F. Dodson, late of New Haven, Conn., is visiting home folks. Mr. James Burris of the Black Patti Troubadours is in the city visiting his brother John who has been sick for several weeks. The reception given at the residence of James Mason in honor of Wm. Frank Thompson, was a very enjoyable affair. The following were present: Misses R. L. Kidd, Mary Howard, E. Thompson, Eva Kidd, Ella Kidd, Alice Scott, Ida Bouldon, Della Williams, Anna Bell Davis, Lullu Barnett, Maggie McDaniels, Mary Mason, Mable Mason, Demie Mason and Mrs. Fannie Miller. Mesrss Frank Thompsons, Herman R, Russell, Lourenzi Sims, Arthur Hazen, Frank Klitzmuller, Joe Pearsaul, John Martin, Arthur Gillespie, Lewis Hallock, William Lacy, Garret Fugett, Robert Williams, Albert Murphy, Chas. Mason, Walter Yardley, and Fred Miller.

The Frederick Douglass Club.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Special.

The little daughter of Mrs. Jno. Harries has been very ill. Mrs. Rhodes' little son is quite sick. Mrs. Amos J. Stewart and Mrs. John Simpson, of Calvin, are at the bedside of their sister-in-law, Mrs. Cyrus Stewart, who is dangerously ill. Rev. T. C. Johnson spent Saturday in Dowagiac. Mrs. Bertha Johnson and her little daughter Naoma, of Grand Rapids, will spend the holidays with Mrs. R. Ritchers. Miss Julia Hart, of Chicago, grand-daughter of Mrs. Bordman, better known as "Grannie" Bordman, is in the city for an indefinite stay. On returning home she will be accompanied by her grandmother, who is 99 years old. Miss Hart while in the city is being entertained by Mrs. Minnie Hedgebeth Christman, 424 East North street. The Frederick Douglass Club met Tuesday evening at Odd Fellows' Hall. A letter was read by Mrs Wheatley from Mrs. W. H. McCourtie, of Springfield, Mass., a lady prominent among the leading literary clubs of this city, and one of the Douglass Club's most beloved honorary members. The letter, though a personal one, contained much that was helpful and interesting to the club. Preceding the program several papers were read, most of them pertaining to distinguished men of the Negro race. The program proper was opened with an instrumental solo by Miss Hattie Booth. "Abdul Hamid, Sultan of Turkey," was introduced by Mr. Evans. An excellent description of Turkey was given by Rev. T. C. Johnson. A paper on "Turkish Religion and Its Origin" was presented by Mrs. Thomas Stewart. An article on "Turkish Costumes" was read by Mr. Williams. "A Kaleidoscope of Turkish Life" was the subject of a paper by T. W. Stewart. A paper on "The Turk, His Good Points," was presented by Mrs. S. S. Wheatley. The subject for next week is "Japan" The club will have as its honored guest Tuesday, Dec. 28, Chas. A. Harris, a prominent young lecturer of Indianapolis, who will deliver an address in the evening under the auspices of the club at Odd Fellows' Hall on "The Opportunities of the Age." At the conclusion of the lecture the club will tender Mr. Harris a formal reception. He will be entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Stewart while in the city.

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In the Interest of the Race.

Mineola, Texas, Special.

Prof. W. C. L. Scruggs was in town on the 11th inst. raising funds for the Neylandville College, for which he has been working two years. He thinks it will be ready to open by the 1st of September, 1898. The school, when finished, will be owned by colored people, and will be situated in a town owned exclusively by Negroes. Prof. Scruggs gave an interesting talk on "The Slave Pension Bill."

Death of a Good Man.

Eufaula, Ala., Special.

The Freeman representative spent several days in Fort Gaines, Ga., last week. W. R. Lee, of Jernigan, Ala., says that he cannot get along without The Freeman. Prof. C. M. Wells attended the Alabama State Convention last week at Uniontown. Rev. E. May, of this city, died on the 2d inst. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. D. Maddox at the First Baptist Church. Rev. May was a faithful member of the above-named church. Every colored citizen should have a copy of the Emancipation Proclamation. Send your orders to W. H. Wallace. Buy your Christmas groceries and The Freeman from John Ward. Rev. W. C. Banton and Rev. John Harmon have returned from Ozark, Ala., after attending the Alabama Conference. Prof. S. M. Murphy and T. J. Tennille have returned from the conference Services at St. Luke A.M. E. Church Sunday were well attended. Father Littleton preached a splendid sermon at 11 a. m., and at night Rev. J. B. Dodson filled the pulpit. The A. M. E. Sunday-school is preparing to have a grand Christmas tree. The choir will render excellent music. Don't fail to order the holiday edition, twelve pages, of The Freeman from W. H. Wallace. Five cents per copy. Don't miss it.

Chicago News.

Chicago, Ill., Special.

The Allen Sewing Circle met at the residence of Mrs. E. McGowan, 71 Leavitt street, last Wednesday evening, and a short program was rendered. Refreshments were served. A social was given Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Jones on Carroll avenue for the benefit of the Mysterious Ten. Mrs. W. B. Smith, of Minneapolis, Minn., sang in the Willing Workers' concert Tuesday evening. Rev Clemins preached in the Lagrange Opera House Sunday afternoon. He preached an eloquent sermon Sunday evening. The Colonial Club met Thursday evening at the A. M. E. Church. The G. A. R. Society gave a social last Monday evening in People's Institute, corner Leavitt and Van Buren streets. The admission fee was 25 cents. Miss May Banks has been sick.

Memphis Gleanings.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.

Miss Kate L. Reeves left on Dec. 1 for Nashville, Tenn., to enter Rodger Williams Institute. Mrs. Geo. Phillips, of 49 Carnes avenue, is on the sick list. J. M Phillips, of 240 Poplar street, is quite sick. Miss Sallie Moody, of Niles, Mich., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barnett, 21 Stewart avenue. H. W. Morgan left last week for Little Rock, Ark., to attend his sick wife, who was reported very low. James H. Gammon and wife, 32 Simmons avenue, are all smiles over a fine baby boy born on the 4th inst. Mother and child are doing nicely. The committee on the Emancipation celebration met at Lawyer Saddler's office Friday evening, Dec. 11. It was decided to have the anniversary exercises at Beale Street Church Jan. 3. An interesting program has been arranged. Rev. Clemens was elected orator of the day. H. R. Saddler will deliver an address, and R. H. Rideout is to address the G. A. R. Rev. Ellington is pastor of Zion Baptist Church. We are pained to announce the death of Thomas Mahon, a prominent young man of this city. The Whittier Historical Association was addressed by Mrs. Mary Church-Terrel Dec. 17. Memorial exercises in honor of the late John M. Langston were held at Beale Street Baptist Church on the night of Dec. 13. J. T. Settles and others spoke. Hon. T. F. Cassell presided at the meeting.

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South Bend Doings.

South Bend, Ind., Special.

Rev. J. K. Hart has lost one of his fine colts. The A. M. E. Sunday-school is prospering under the leadership of Charles Hurst. The funeral of Sister Amanda Shambley was conducted from her late residence last Saturday. Mrs. Shambley was born in Virginia sixty-nine years ago, and was a faithful member of the A. M. E. Church for thirty years. She leaves six children and a husband. Mrs. Lee Walden is very sick at her home on Lindow street. R. H. Mathews has secured a position in Studebaker's, wagon works. The church and Sunday-school attendance was large last Sunday. Dr. Lane will be out of the city for about two weeks on a visit to his old home. We would like to have a good colored lawyer locate here.

Memorial Service.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

The memorial services in honor of G. Q. Boyd, were held at the opera house, Dec. 12th. The first on the program was John T. Keesee, the "boy orator" whose speech on the dead orator and politician aroused the sentiment of the audience. Rev. A. B. Wimberly filled the vacancy of S. McEllwee of Nashville. The choir then sang one of Mr. Boyd's favorite hymns. The most imposing part of the ceremony was an original poem written by Leopold Firse. Revs. A. O. Kenny and H. Metcalf were the last on the program, each speaking praisingly of the deceased. A large collection was received which will be used in ereting a monument and prosecuting the murderer. Thos. Kates, of the firm of Kates and Outlaw, has been sent to prison without bond, charged with being an accomplice in the murder.

Muncie Items.

Muncie, Ind., Special.

Miss Lilly May Scott was buried from the Second Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment at Beach Grove cemetery. Mrs. Julia C. Robbins was called to Rising Sun to attend the funeral of her mother, who was buried last Wednesday. Arther White and Grant Frazier will give a cake walk. Cake walks seem to be getting very popular in our little city. The None Such Club will give a select ball Dec. 20. The A. M. E. Church is making great preparations for the holidays. W. E. Robbins and Omar Knox are managers of a grand cake walk to be given Dec. 25.

Our $1.00 rate will be on Dec. 13th, and continue for 30 days. Do not neglect this opportunity to renew or subscribe for The Freeman.

News and Notes.

Troy, Tenn., Special.

The board of stewardesses of St. Peter's Chapel, C. M. E. Church, with Mrs. L. V. Hoard chairman, have done commendable work this year. Their appropriation of $13.03 last Saturday completed a full report from this place. B. B. Brooks is our hustling Sunday-school superintendent. Under his management the Sunday-school will grow. Our beloved pastor, Rev. N. B. Greer, went to Dyersburg, Tenn., this week with a round report to meet the C. M. E. Annual Conference, presided over by Bishop Isaac Lane. Mrs. Maria Dee is on the sick list this week. The Epworth League met Sunday afternoon, and after the regular business was over listened to a program rendered by the little people. Miss Florence Scruggs, Mrs. Carrie Moffatt, Burda Crafton, A. L. P. Brown, Burda Jackson, H. D. Hoard and Prof. W. G. Webster attended the C. M. E. Annual Conference at Dyersburg this week.

UNCLE NOAH BAXTER

Writes a Letter of Advice to the Young Members of the Race—A Long Silence Broken.

MARBLE FALLS, Tex., dec. the 2.

My Dear brother Knox: i would have rit You a Letter to Print in the Freeman long Before This: only i is bin Sick down in Bed; i has Not forgot my duty to the Race, nor To the freeman; But You can not rite when you is Sick A Bed Flat on you Back; now let me say: it is most 1 year since i writ my first Letter to your Valluble paper: i told some bitter Truth about the younge negrow Race: and now i wonders mr. editor, ef the seed fel in good ground or by the way side: or in Stowney Places; how menny of the young Race is tooken Heed to they ways and made up they mine to Push the Proggress of the Race along up the hill of Civilisation aganst the opperstition of the white Folksis, the world And the devel: how menny of our boys en Galls who is out yander up north who red my letters has took hede to Mosis' fate and sent they ole daddy en Mammy some money; i aske threw the freeman in this letter How maney is Done it? mr. editor i has tooken up My Pen once more to never have it Down no more tell deth come to call Me home to hevin Above; i no i must Soon Go; i must soon hove down my Pen; soon lay my bibel erside, soon stop Preeching; soon lie aside my Trumpet; soon Go with them who is Gone befor; but mr. editor, 'fore i does Go i hopes to be abel to rite many letters for the Freeman; i hopes to be abel to pint out the mistakes of the Younge Race on whos hed and sholders the Sponsibility of the Future will Rest; mr. Knox the young men and wimmen of to Day will be the ole men and wimmen of ToMorrow; how will they Do the bizness mr editor; will they be a help an Onner to the race? will they Push the Proggress of the Race along, or will they be a Mill Stone around the Neck of Proggress? Will the Future Race, our Prosperity—that is, I mean our Grand Childern—be better or worser for the Present Young Race living in the year of 1897 and the last years of the 19 sentury, or for living 30 years after the surender or the mancipation, or Freedom? Now mr. editur, i has no hopes for the Present young Negrow Race for This Reason: they is shamed to Look Back; let me lusterate what I means: the ole Jew is always pinting to the young Jew where he and his fokes come from; the Ole Jew say, "We cum from the house of Bondage; we was slave once; the lower a race was the higher they riz is when do rise; 'member that, my son;" and the young Jew 'members it and pints with Pride to the 'vancement he has made, or leastwise his Race have made, since the Days the Childern of Isrel was in the House of Bondage; it are not So with the young Negro; he tries to Forgit the rock from which he were hude and the stone from which he were Cut; he have no Race love, no Race Pride, no nothing; he do not no that the lower from whitch he or his race have riz in the lass 30 Odd Years the Higher they 'pear to stand. In conclushun, mr. editur, let me say to the young Race in this letter. take Heed to you Ways; repent before it are too Late; push the Proggress of the Race along Before the Car git off the Track, for it are too Late if you do not stand up fer your Race and try to make it better case you was in the world: the white Fokes will do you Dirt—mark my words; you may laff at me now, but when i am gone to Hevin, where my name is rit in the book of life, you will then 'member my words. Young man, Take heed, young lady, too; but brother Knox, i must close hoping you and all your readers is well and that You will Print this, i am as Before, Yours For The Proggress of the Race,

NOAH BAXTER.

A Narrow Escape.

Houston, Tex., Special.

Frank Hawkins a well-known colored man was shot at twice by a white man at Preston and Travis street. Hawkins and his would-be assassin had trouble a few days ago and he (Hawkins) had the man arrested, and for this he threatened to kill Hawkins. Hawkins was unhurt. The white man is now in jail. The revival at Reedy Chapel A. M. E. church at Galveston closed last Sunday night. There were 101 converted and fifteen backsliders added. Rev. Moody is well pleased. The Flora Batson-Millar Concert Company is very successful. They are touring the state of Texas. The colored people of Houston are working to raise $200 for the Lewis Williams case. Frank Bell is on the sick list.

Mrs. McKinley Bestows Favors.

The wife of the President has given special permission to John Philip Sousa, "The March King," to dedicate to her his new composition, just finished, and which will be called "The Lady of the White House." Mrs, McKinley forwarded her permission last week to the editor of The Ladies' Home Journal, which will publish the Sousa composition complete in its next issue. This magazine has also received for the same number a new and large portrait of Mrs. McKinley, taken a few days ago in the White House conservatory. This is the second photograph which the President's wife has allowed to be taken within ten years, the first portrait taken of her since 1887 having also gone to The Ladies' Home Journal, which published it in its last October number, causing the entire edition of that issue to be exhausted.

Colored Man in the Postoffice.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Special.

Ever since the organization of the State the people of Northeastern Indiana have steadily opposed the advent of the Negro as a resident, and many counties, notably Adams, Steuben and DeKalb, have not a colored vote, and others not to exceed one or two. Until the close of the war but one family was allowed to reside in this city, but after the Emancipation Proclamation they drifted in here one by one until now Fort Wayne polls 125 colored votes. There is now great indignation among the race-haters because Postmaster Page has dared to appoint William H. Smith, a colored man, to a position, giving him charge of the canceling machine. Page is the first postmaster here who has had the courage to oppose public opinion in this heavily Democratic community. Smith recently took the civil service examination, passing on the high percentage of 89.7, being second in a very large class and only beaten by one point by a graduate of Purdue University. The appointment has created considerable comment..

"LADY OF LYONS"

To Be Given at Liberty Hall December 23—Wedding Anniversary.

Toledo, O., Special.

The Douglass Dramatic Society will render Bulwer's beautiful and well-known comedy-drama, "The Lady of Lyons" at Liberty Hall under the management of Messrs. A. M. Clemens and Albert King December 23. The program and cast of characters will be furnished The Freeman for next week's issue. John Moody, who met with a very painful accident some weeks ago, is able to be among his friends again. The Carpe Dieu Social Club, which is composed of some of Toledo's talented young men, expect to give an entertainment during the holidays. Invitations are out announcing the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Johnson Dec. 27. The Douglass Scientific, Historical, Educational and Literary Society will meet in the lecture room of Warren Chapel A. M. E. Church Monday evening, Dec. 13 A fine program has been arranged for the occasion The Freeman can be found at the home of J. S Carter, on Missouri street. Prof. C. C. Poindexter, grand-son of Rev. Poindexter of Columbus, has been tendered the position of Professor in the West Virginia Colored Institute at Fern. Mrs. Rev. J. C. Taylor is visiting friends in Charleston, W. Va. Mrs. S. A. Carter is still confined to her bed with sickness. The Up-to-Date Social Club will give a masque carnival about the middle of this month.

SHOWED HIS BAGCAGE.

There Wasn't Much of It, but It Satisfied the Clerk.

It is not always necessary to travel with three or four saratogas, a dress suit case, a bundle of rugs and a bird cage in order to obtain good accommodations at hotels.

Occasionally there does exist throughout this hospitable land a hotel which does not require a certificate as to a person's ancestry, status in life, past history and future movements before its clerk permits one the privilege of a room. At least this is the firm belief advanced by a young Chicago couple just back from their wedding trip. Down east one day the train wended its way through the woods and heights of the Adirondacks and miles away from civilization halted at a lone platform bordered by a piny wildness too alluring to be slighted by westerners fresh from prairie lands.

"Train stops 1 hour and 15 minutes," announced the young husband who had made a dash for the conductor. Out on the platform and up the charming road wandered these two, and time flew. However, they kept an eye on their watches and reached the platform with ten minutes to spare.

But the train was gone.

A lone man perched at the end of the platform explained in a bored way in the face of their indignation that it was 15 minutes and not 1 hour and 15 minutes that the train stopped.

"When is the next train?" the travelers begged.

"There isn't any," sweetly said the native.

"Where is a hotel?" they shouted.

"Up the road the other way," the sphinx said in a tired way and turned to watch the antics of a grasshopper.

Up the road the other way they went and discovered in the wilderness a hotel with a haughty clerk, electric lights and all modern improvements.

"Any baggage?" inquired the man at the desk as the young man registered.

The travelers gasped in consternation as they stared wildly at each other with the sudden shock of realizing that trousseau, traveling bags and umbrellas were speeding miles away from them.

"Oh, yes!" gulped the young husband airily. "Baggage — of course." He plunged into one pocket, drew out a small comb, his wife's powder box and its accompanying square of chamois, which he gravely laid before the clerk.

That gentleman never moved an eyelash.

"Front!" he called. "No. 227!"

The heroine of this story still claims the imperturbable clerk was a mind reader, but her husband says it was all due to her helpless, appealing air and the streak of cinders on her nose.—Chicago News.

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DEAR SIR:—"Permit me to thank you and also congratulate myself upon the results from the prescription you sent me free recently. The effect was quite noticeable even in the start and in a surprising short time there was considerable enlargement with all the necessary strength and vigor. It is truly a man's remedy and gives him just what he needs most."

MR. OLDS:—"I am grateful to you for the prescription which I tried as directed. Being a great sufferer for many years I did not expect a cure right away, but there is a marvelous something in your prescription that does the work like a race horse. I feel like a different man already."

And so on, letter after letter voicing the sentiment of unusual and exuberant thankfulness. It is certainly a remarkable prescription that induces men to write such letters of themselves. It is worth while writing to Mr. Olds for such a matchless remedy as given in his free prescription.

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Winchester News.

Winchester, Tenn., Special.

Prof. E. P. Trimble is sick. Prof. Bishop closed school last Friday night and went to Fayetteville to spend the winter. Henry Estill is very sick. Mrs. Jennie Dervin died last Thursday night. Hog-killing is all the "go" now. Ned Green was down from Sewanee last Friday and Saturday. Prof. Trimble will close school next Thursday night and a grand time is expected. We are preparing for the hollidays. Misses Laura Townsend and Sallie Price are to give a grand concert one night during the holidays at the Mt. Zion Baptist church. Let everybody come and enjoy the entertainment. There is talk of having a colored printing establishment here. I think it is needed and would be appreciated. It should receive the attention and encouragement of every colored citizen of Franklin county.

Items Of Interest.

Muncie, Ind., Special.

Mrs. Edna Flecther is on the sick list. The entertainmet at the A. M. E. church will be given the 14th of Dec., instead of the 10th as advertized last week. Rev. Prettymam of Illinois preached at the A. M. E. Church Sabbath morning and evening. Mrs. Mattie Richardson of Anderson is the guest of her mother Mrs. Frazier of East Main street. Mrs. Felix Harreld has moved to the Bishop Block Flat on South Walnut street, where she will receive her friends hereafter. The KlondykeClub was entertained last Wednesday by Mr. and Mrs. Ohmer Knox of South Plum street; light refreshments were served. Mr. Stafford brother of Mrs. Cottman and Mrs. Ivey, died at the home of the latter Sunday afternoon at one o'clock, was buried Wednesday at Cabin Creek Mr. Espy has returned to Urbana after spending a few days with friends in the city. The Second Baptist church is making extensive preparations for Xmas. The Twentith Century Club of that church will give an entertainment at which time a number of useful presents will be given away to the individuals holding the lucky number.

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RACE GLEANINGS.

Recorder H. P. Cheatham is a student of Howard University law department.

Mrs. Alice Strange-Davis one of the leading musicians of the country, has been appointed musical director of the Washington, D. C., city schools.

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There are twenty colored men employed under Governor Tanner, of Illinois, directly and indirectly who are drawing pay from the State amounting to $12,670 per yer year.

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Mayor Malster, of Baltimore, the newly elected mayor, has appointed two colored men to positions in the city hall. They are the first men of color to occupy positions of this kind in the city of Baltimore. Both positions pay $900 per annum.

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Colored Britons have formed a club in London. They come from Demerara, Trindad, the gold coast, and Sierra Leone, and most of them are medical or law students.

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Mary Lucinda Kimiens, at present in Philadelphia, is a native-born African, who came to this country about a year ago to learn more of the ways of civilization and carry them back to her people. Mary was taken to work in the family of a missionary when she was four years old. Her parents died and she determined to come to the United States and learn what she could about manual training and return to her people. Mary saved $150 in four years. She received only $1 a month for work as a domestic in the dark continent, so it took a long time to earn her passage money. She arrived in this country without a cent, but has succeeded in getting work. She says that white missionaries will never be able to do anything with colored people. They need members of their own race as missionaries. Her home is in Liberia.

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John H. Paynter of Washington, D C., some years ago shipped as cabin boy on board the United States warship Ossipee, and during the cruise of said ship around the world young Paynter employed his leisure moments in taking notes and observations of the various points of interest incident to his trip and compiled the same in book form. His work, "Joining the Navy," was issued a few years ago, and elicited much favorable comment. Recently the United States Government purchased the book for all libraries of United States ships and marine stations. Mr. Paynter's work is probably the first Negro production purchased by the Government for its use in its libraries. Mr. Paynter is a graduate of Lincoln University, class of 1883.

L WHIRL.

News From the Churches—Turned Into the Streets—A "Donkey" Social. Other Notes.

Detroit, Mich., Special.

Miss Susie Taylor is on the list of sick this week. Rev. W. H. H. Butler, P. E., will hold his second quarterly meeting in Detroit on Erskine street Dec. 26. The pastor desires a full attendance of members. All the Sunday-schools are busy making preparations for their Christmas trees. We are having some pretty cold weather now, with a goodly number of snow flurries. The Freeman was here on time this week and made its appearance in several new homes. Your correspondent is suffering from a slight attack of la grippe this week. W. M. Kidd is still sick. At Brown's Chapel, West Detroit, Presiding Elder Butler will hold his second quarterly meeting Dec. 19; Mrs. Lillian Thurman, pastor. The choir at Ebenezer Church last Sunday was much improved and the singing was excellent. Rev. James Deane and his brother Walter have returned to the city after an absence of six or seven months. Come early and hear the song service at the A. M. E. Church on Erskine street Sunday evening. Arthur Moore paid a flying visit to Mt. Clemens Saturday evening. Mrs. Springsteen has been brought from the poor farm and is being cared for now at the Old Ladies' Home. During the holidays the ladies of the A. M. E. Church on Erskine street will conduct a fair. There will be a literary program rendered each evening, and refreshments will be served. Mrs. Chapple, an old lady unable to earn her living, is now at the Old Ladies' Home. Her children, it is alleged, turned her out into the street. The little folks of the Sunday-school are rehearsing for a tambourine drill which they hope to present one evening during the fair. Admission will be 10 cents. Last Thursday, for the benefit of Bethel Church, Mrs. Thomas gave a "Donkey" social at her home on Beaubien street, which was well attended and highly enjoyed. The Sunday-school convention which was held at the First Baptist Church last week cordially invited Rev. W. W. Clark, together with the superintendent and school, to attend their reception last Tuesday evening at the corner of Woodward and Wynder streets. Supper was served at 6 o'clock. The reception and supper were equally enjoyable. Mrs. W. Green, 188 Wilkins street, gave an oyster supper for the benefit of the trustees of Ebenezer Church at her home last week. It was quite a financial success. There were many young people present and the evening was passed pleasantly. Mr. Ed. Binger is seriously ill, and his physician has no hope of his recovery. Douglass Carter was convicted of murder in the Criminal Court last week. He shot a young man named Henry Williams.

Stray Shots From the Army.

Ft. Assinniboine, Mont., Special.

The colored chaplin arrived here on Nov. 11, and has conducted service twice a week since his arrival. The many friends of Sergeant Henry Allen, retired from troop D, 10th Cavalry will be glad to hear that he has taken up his residence at Helena, Mont., and is doing well. Corporal Phillips Jones retired from troop H, 10th Cavalry Nov. 28 and moved to Havre, Mont. First Sergeant T. H. Allen expects his retirement papers back about the 15th. The members of troop D look forward to his retirement with much regret, as he is a model soldier. He is honorably mentioned in the history of the 10th Cavalry for his long and faithful service, which is as follows: 10 years Sergt troop A 10th Cav., 20 years, troop D, 10th Cav. He was one of the non-commissioned officers with troop A in August 1877 when the troop was lost and without water and food, which cost the lives of several men.

The Grand Fountain, United Order of True Reformers, is the greatest business organization controlled exclusively by colored people in the world. The order has its headquarters in Richmond, Va., where a banking institution, several large business houses, a newspaper and many other enterprises are conducted by seventy-five Negro clerks. There is not a white face in the entire organization, which numbers over 50 000 persons. It has branch offices in twenty-two States and several hundred cities, employing over 300 deputy chiefs, and pays to its help in salaries an aggregate of about $20,000 a year.

A GOOD STORY.

But the Author Would Be a Poor Man to Write History.

"The most desperate personal act I witnessed during the war was performed by a Wisconsin cavalryman," said C. J. Hilton of Madison. "It was at Fleetwood Hill, and the man discounted the capture made at Ciudad Rodrigo by Charles O'Malley's man, Mickey Free. The Wisconsin man rode out between two great cavalry forces—Union and Confederate—and attacked a lieutenant and two men belonging to Jeb Stuart's force, and after a hand to hand saber fight, lasting fully ten minutes, captured the three and brought them in. It was the prettiest fight of the kind I ever saw, and the Wisconsin trooper was cheered by every man on our side who witnessed his act and by some of Stuart's riders. I don't know who the man was, but my recollection is that he belonged to the Second Wisconsin."

A man who wore the Loyal Legion button said he did not think the Second Wisconsin was in the fight with Stuart at Brandy Station and Fleetwood Hill. He asked for the story, however:

"I was a member of the Eighth New York," said Mr. Hilton, "and our regiment was part of the cavalry command sent under Pleasonton to look up Jeb Stuart just before Gettysburg. We found Stuart—yellow sash, black hat plumes, gold spurs and all that—at Brandy Station, and with him were all his riders. The fight was a hot one, and we came very near being beautifully whipped, although we claimed the victory on the ground that we learned what we wanted to know—where Stuart was and what Lee was about. Some of the heaviest fighting of the day was at a spot called Fleetwood Hill, and it was there that the Wisconsin trooper captured his three men.

"We had been at it hammer and tongs for two or three hours, when there came one of those let ups you all have seen—for all the world like two bulldogs looking for a fresh hold. While both sides were waiting for the order to advance a Confederate lieutenant and two men rode out from their tents, moving toward us as if searching for something on the field. Everybody on our side watched them and wondered what they were looking for. The two lines were fully two-thirds of a mile apart, and the three had got about a third of the way across toward us. Then over on the right of our line was a stir and commotion, and the excitement spread along until it reached us.

"The right of our line was concealed from us by a little grove of oak trees. A trooper in blue, mounted on a big bay that looked and carried himself like a thoroughbred, was riding out to meet those three men in gray. He sat on his horse like a riding school master. When within 100 yards of Stuart's three men he halted, saluted with his saber and dropped his carbine and revolver. The three men from the other side had been watching him, and, understanding the challenge, dropped their arms.

"Then came the fight. It was a saber contest, with three against one. That Wisconsin man disarmed that lieutenant in two passes, hamstrung the horse of another and put his blade through the shoulder of the third. He brought the three into our lines.

"What do you think of that?" he concluded.

"The story is all right," said one of the listeners, "but I don't think you would do to write history."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

BALL PROGRAMMES.

Made In a Very Great Variety of Styles, Suited to All Occasions.

Ball programmes are made in hundreds of styles. A wholesale dealer in New York prepares a sample book, which is of the size of an atlas and the thickness of a dictionary. Fancy cards for some other uses are shown in this book also, but of ball programmes alone there may be 500 styles. The book is like a great album. The dealer sends out 2,500 such books to printers and stationers.

Programmes can be bought at almost any price, including many at extremely low prices. Nearly all are more or less ornamented, many of them with embossed work finished with gilt or in colors and in a great variety of designs. There is scarcely any society, perhaps none, that could not find here an appropriate programme. There is, for instance, a ball programme embellished with a trolley car. A number of programmes, suitable for yachting club dances, have a yacht surrounded by various emblems of yachting and of the sea. There are programmes for musical societies, with appropriate emblems, and for railroad men, for bicyclists, for military organizations, for letter carriers, for firemen.

The cords and tassels for the programmes are a separate article of manufacture. They are produced in great variety of colors, qualities, sizes and styles and sold in enormous numbers and many of them at prices that seem marvelously cheap. It is probable that nearly all the programmes of the kinds referred to, handsome and elaborate as many of them are, would sell complete at prices under $5 a hundred. There are folded ball programmes, with a picture decoration, that are sold at wholesale, without printing or cord and tassel, as low as 35 cents a hundred.

The production of costlier programmes, such as sell for $5 a hundred and upward, is a business by itself. These are made in about 150 different designs, ranging in price up to $1.25 each. They are made in a great variety of shapes and sizes, and, as with the less costly programmes, of designs appropriate to the occasion on which they are used. The more costly programmes are adorned with hand painted pictures. Celluloid in various forms is employed in the making of these programmes, and satin, lace and papier mache are also used. All these programmes are of larger size than the less expensive varieties, and each one is put up in a box. A programme of the highest price was an elaborate production 14 inches square. The programmes most commonly sold among the costlier kinds bring about $18 a hundred.

There are sold of the cheaper varieties of ball programmes millions annually; of the costlier far fewer. These may be numbered in thousands. Winter is the season of the most active demand for ball programmes, but they are sold the year round. Some ball programmes are exported to Mexico and the various countries of South America. Many of the designs are equally suitable and appropriate anywhere. The printing is done in the countries in which they are used.—New York Sun.

Hounding Celebrities.

Dr. Paul Garnier, a French specialist in lunacy, has been giving some information about the insane men and women who follow celebrities about and fall in love with them. The doctor has to send two or three women of this sort to asylums every month, and nothing is known of the cases by the public. Good looking priests, the doctor declares, are notably marks for the attention of such females. After the priests, but in a lesser degree, come the members of parliament whose names are most frequently in the newspapers or who make good speeches in the chamber, the authors and the handsome actors. The latter, like the priests, have often been threatened by their jealous admirers. In some instances women have gone to the theaters with loaded revolvers ready to fire at them, but for some reason or other have failed to carry out their purpose. As to actresses, Dr. Garnier states that their dangerous adorers are terribly numerous. Mme. Sarah Bernhardt has sometimes to be watched over very carefully. Her worshipers secrete themselves in all sorts of places in order to see her enter or leave her theater or her residence. The special detectives have had to interfere on two noted occasions in order to save the famous actress from the bullets or the daggers of maniacs who resolved to injure or kill her because she refused to respond to their flatteries and passionate declarations of love.

An English Shop.

Shopping is a task at any time, and not always a pleasant one, but imagine looking for bargains in 56 different departments of a store. That is the number the largest department store in London contains, and we may expect yet to see it on this side of the water, as American enterprise and energy have been heading in that direction for several years past. In the London store everything from a cannon to a needle may be purchased. You may have your photographs taken, hair dressed and nails manicured, your household goods stored or insured. You may have a house built, decorated, furnished all complete, with the servants and insurance on the property, from one establishment. Pianos, iron in bars and theater tickets may be obtained, as well as drugs, ribbons and laces. Altogether it would be an interesting place in which to spend a week or two shopping.—Philadelphia Press.

A Model Town.

Hoopestown, Ills., a town of 4,000 inhabitants, has never had a saloon. The mayor receives a salary of 50 cents a year, the remuneration of each of the councilmen is half that amount, and no fees are accepted. Last year the combined salaries of the mayor and the city fathers were given to help a needy widow pay her taxes.—New York Tribune.

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It is an undeniable fact that persons will come for advice—in full knowledge of what they want to know, and yet, as soon as they confront a Medium they try their utmost endeavor to dispel from their minds what they know so as to hear if it will be rehearsed by the Medium. To get the secret out of a person by "pumping," in no few cases, is the art used by many unprincipaled Mediums, but to take hold of the hand and gain control of the mind thereby, is a matter of impossibility to most of them And yet this can be done, and by consulting MRS. MARTH this seeming mystery becomes a realization.

This subject has received no little attention by eminent men and even college professors. So it proves conclusively that although there are infringers in our midst with "oily tongues," perhaps, the gates of wisdom have not been closed to the entire profession.

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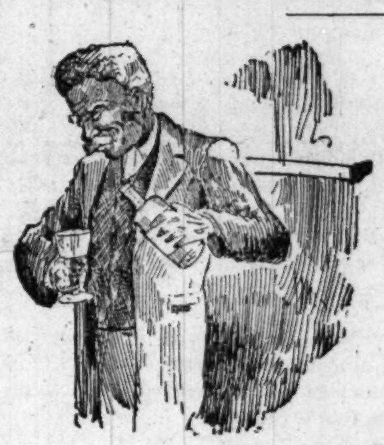

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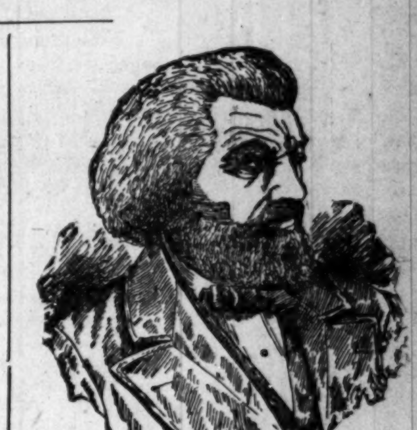

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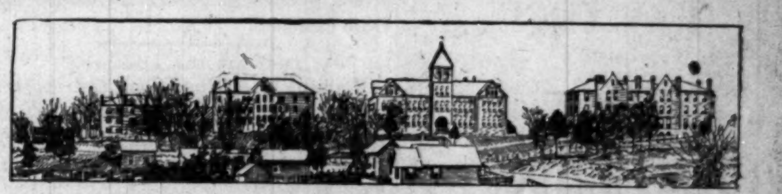

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PERSONAL AND SOCIETY.

Mrs. Nellie Smith will spend the holidays with her parents in Terre Haute.

Mrs. Hattie Jones has returned from Dayton, O, where she has been for the past three weeks at the bedside of her sick sister.

Misses Georgia Stevenson and Izora Brooks, who are attending the State Normal at Terre Haute, will return home for the holidays.

Invitations announcing the wedding of Dr. Jerry Jackson, of Bloomington, to Miss Drusetta Dixon, of this city have been issued for the 20th.

A mask party was given last Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sim Ford, 725 Indiana avenue. The house was artistically decorated with palms and cut flowers. The masks were unique.

Miss Ella Wallace, who has been teaching school in Olmstead, Ky., for the past two years, will be the guest of her sister, Miss A. Myrtle Wallace, 706 North Senate avenue a few days next week, en route to her home in Monmouth, Ill.

The Golden Rod Club met Friday the 10th with all officers present. Mrs. H. H. Thompson read a paper, after which the club adjourned to meet with Mrs. J. Redmond, 1124 Nelson street. The hostess served a very nice luncheon. Mrs. W. Givens president; Mrs. W M. Patterson, secretary.

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Dr. F. A. Beamouth Dead.

Dr. F. A. Beamouth died Sunday at the sanitarium located at Senate avenue and Thirteenth street. He was part owner of the sanitarium and had been in the city about a year. He was thirty-five years old and was born in the West Indies. His family is in Georgia and a daughter is a student at the Booker T. Washington Institute.

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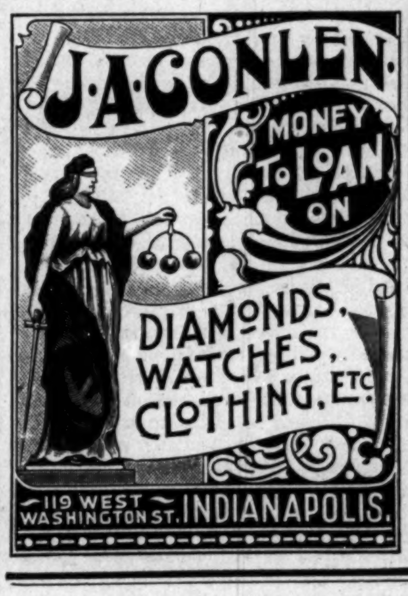

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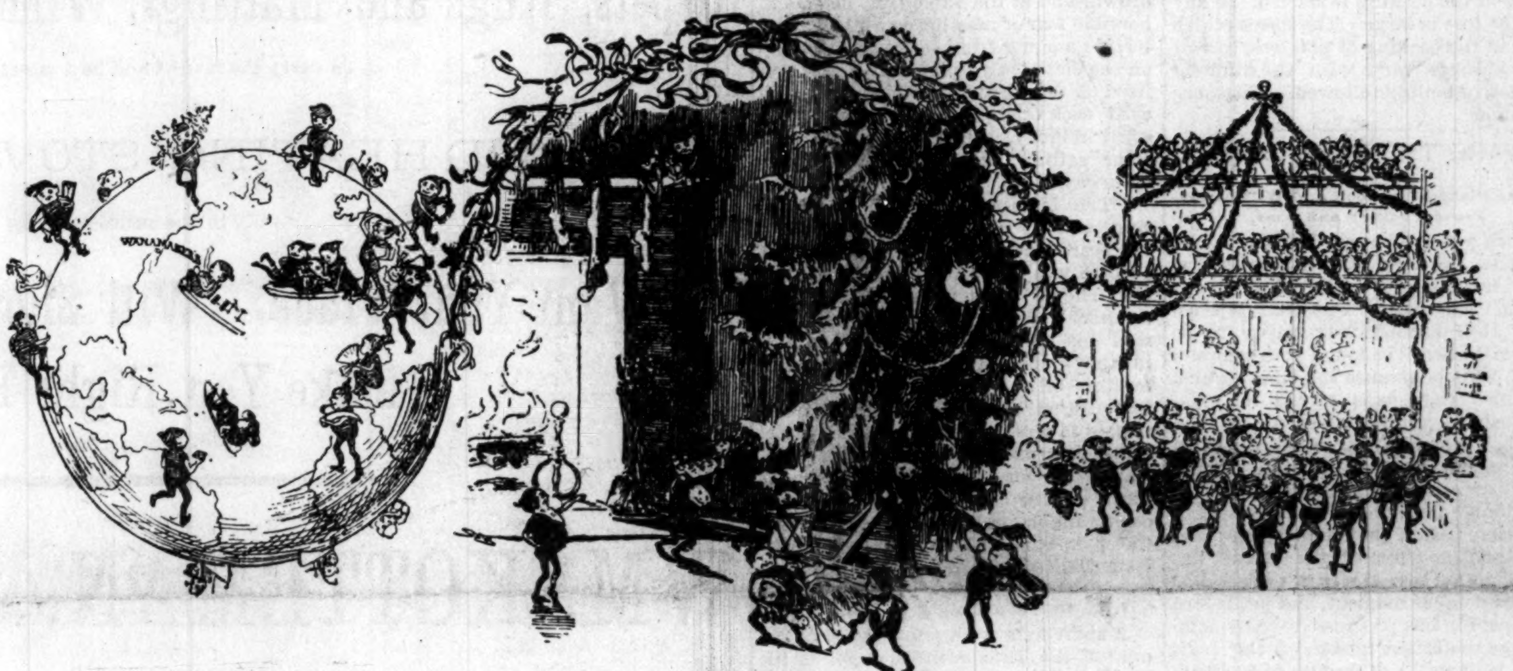

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Hobson—"He's so eccentric I don't like to walk by him on the street." Jobson—"Why?" Hobson—"Afraid of being arrested for passing the queer."

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"When a woman finds an old feather," says the Manayunk Philosopher "her economic soul prompts her to buy $10 worth of other trimmings to build a hat around it.

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"They say." remarked the extremely stout one, "that he just married you for spite." "Well," replied the thin one, "if he had married you for that he would have gotten about 200 pounds of it."—Philadelphia Plaindealer.

St. Louis Brevities.

St. Louis, Mo., Special.

N. A. Wright and Miss Rosa Taylor are arranging for a sacred concert to be given at Quinn's Chapel, A. M. E. Church some time during the month of January. A prominent colored citizen of our city is negotiating for the erection of a large hall in which all of the societies can meet. It is proposed to have two halls, one for large entertainments and the other for those that are small. The ground-floor will be used for store-rooms, barber shop and baths. The gentleman's name is withheld for the present. Rev. Donohoo, of East St. Louis, is to lead Miss Abbie Hisom, a teacher in Simmons School, to the altar on Christmas day. Robert Grady, one of our young letter-carriers, is said to be on a still-hunt for a wife. Here is a chance for anxious mammas with marriageable daughters. Miss Mamie O. Smith is said to be one of the best teachers in our public schools. James W. Grant, who is easily the Ward McAllister of our exclusive social circles, says he will not re-marry, as he prefers to lead the life of a bachelor.

Judge D. Agustus Straker, has been invited to assume the position of Consulting Counsel of the Negro National Protective Association, of which Hon. Geo. W. Murry, ex-member of congress is president.

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The "hat man" at a hotel is one of the most important employes in the place. It is a mystery to most people, when they leave their hats at the entrance of the dining room in large hotel, how they ever have their own hats returned to them without a single mistake. Yet this is the case, and, strange as it may seem, the "hat man" is always ready with the correct hat. Dillard Simpson, the polite colored gentleman, who takes the hats at the Duncan, is one of the best "hat men" in the country. During the Centennial he frequently handled as many as 200 or 300 hats at a time, and not a single hat was lost during that whole period. Before coming to Nashville he worked for years at the Aragon, at Atlanta, and during that time, epecially while the Atlanta Exposition was in progress, he frequently handled hundreds of hats at one meal without a blunder. The highest number of hats he handled in Atlanta at one time was 580. His system of giving the right hat to the right man is probably similar to that of other "hat men." He associates the face of a person with the hat handed him, and by cultivating this habit his memory has been increased in a remarkable manner. Many lecturers on the cultivation of memory advanced this idea of association of objects. The lecturer tells you that if you wish to remember persons and names, you must associate the name of the person withsome peculiarity of his person, as a crooked nose or freckles on the face. This is exactly how the "hat men" at the hotels manage to keep track of the large number of hats handed them. Simpson is one of the best hat men in city. The Alanta Constitution and Journal have given him extensive write-ups, and he is certainly an artist in his line.

NEVER.

Never wear jewels with a tailor-made gown.

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Never wear jewelery of any descrition when traveling.

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Never wear showy-looking ornaments with mourning.

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Never wear an article of jewelery if it has begun to tarnish, or from which a stone is missing.

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Never wear diffierent kinds of stones at the same time, except in rings, and then only with tasteful discretion.

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Never wear a lavish display of jewels in the public dinning room of a hotel.

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Never wear rings unless the hands are white and soft, finger-nails well kept and beyond reproach with regard to cleanliness.

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Mever wear jewelery that is dull and uncleanly.

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And never, above all, be guilty of sitting in a street car or other public conveyance with gloveless hands adorned with ring!

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Never wear a watch and chain—however dainty and ornamental in design—with an evening gown.

A FEW OF THE GOOD THINGS

That Will Appear in The Freeman's Christmas Number the 25th.

"The Unwritten Law," by Ex-Gov. P. B. S. Pinchback.

"Shall There be a Negro National Party?" Ex-Recorder of Deeds C. H. J. Taylor.

"A Review of Our Past Year's Existence as a Race of People," D. Augustus Straker.

"Emancipation Day," Rev. Moses Dickson.

"A New Year's Resolution," Ex-Senator John P. Green.

"The Beauty of Thought," Dr. M. A. Majors.

"The Function of a Truly Race Paper," Chas. R. Douglass.

"The Political Duty of the Hour," Augustus M. Hodges.

"The Children's Christmas Story," Alice Ruth Moore.

"Washington City—The Athens of Colored Americans," W. T. Menard

"Christmas Greeting," Alexander Sanders, jr, Brooklyn, N. Y.

"Civil Service Law," T H. Reginald Clark.

"A Dream's Fulfillment," Edward Elmore Brook.

"What the Omen," W. S. Scarborough.

"Great Men of the A M. E. Church," Dr. John M Henderson.

"What Afro-American Leaders Should Do," Francis Herbert Warren.

"A Few Conditions, not Theories which should Alarm the Negro," Lillian Thomas.

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Mr. Thomas Harmon, of Hampton, Va., is the largest truck shipper of the race, in the State. He ships yearly thousands of barrels of all kinds of vegetables.

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The will of H. C. Crosby, for twelve years superintendent of the State Negro Normal School at Plymouth, N. C., has been probated at Raleigh. He was a Raleigh man and a graduate of Shaw University, to which he left almost all of his property, valued at $7,500 to found a scholarship for young men.

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Miss Lola Johnson, of Madison, Ind., the celebrated songstress has been appointed to a position in the Recorder of Deeds Office, Washington, D. C.

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The lengthy contest of Robert W. Clark, Jr., colored, for admission to the Maryland School of Art and Design, Baltimore, Md., has been decided against him. It was a vigorous fight to break down the color line at the institution. Judge Ritchie dismissed the petition for mandamus for Clark's admission and found against Clark on every point, declaring that Clark could not ask for such mandamus under the constituion of the United States or under the contract of the city with the institute. The case will be taken to the Court of the Appeals, of Maryland, and may reach the United States Supreme Court, as a question of interpretation of the Constitution of the United States is involved.

CAPTURE OF DAVIS.

TRUE STORY OF THE TAKING OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERACY.

The Fourth Michigan Cavalry His Captors—Those With the Ex-President at the Time—Exaggerated Stories of His Disguise.

Our cavalry corps went into camp in and around Macon, and in the early part of May it was learned that Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederate states, was fleeing for Texas to join General Kirby Smith, there to try and re-establish the Confederacy. Orders were at once issued by General Wilson for his capture. The First Wisconsin cavalry was ordered out on the north or east bank of the Ocmulgee river, and Colonel Minty ordered out his old regiment, the Fourth Michigan cavalry, down the south or west side of the same river, with instructions to intercept and capture Mr. Davis and the party with him. Colonel (since General) Minty, well known in this city, now a railroad official in the west, was one of the finest and most efficient officers in the late war. His command, with Wilder's, in the foremost front, opened the battle on the noted and bloody field of Chickamauga.

At Abbeyville, 70 miles south of Macon, it was learned that Davis' fleeing party had here crossed the ferry over the Ocmulgee and were moving southward toward Irwinsville, Ga., 30 miles below and 100 miles south of Macon. Lieutenant Colonel B. D. Pritchard, in command of the Fourth Michigan cavalry, marched the regiment rapidly down the river road, and after a 30 mile ride reached Irwinsville late in the night and learned that he had got in advance of the Davis party. Early on the morning of the 10th of May he charged into the camp of the "fleeing Confederacy," and Mr. Davis never joined Kirby Smith in Texas. Many false and nonsensical stories have been related about this capture and different regiments given its credit. Now these are the facts:

Jefferson Davis was captured by the Fourth Michigan cavalry in the early morning of May 10, 1865, at Irwinsville in southern Georgia. With him were Mr. John H. Reagan of Texas, his postmaster general; Captain Moody of Mississippi, an old neighbor of the Davis family; Governor Lubbock of Texas and Colonels Harrison and Johnson of his staff; Mrs. Davis and her four children—Maggie, some 10 years old; Jeff, about 8; Willie, 5, and a girl baby—a brother and sister of Mrs. Davis, a white and one colored servant woman, a small force of cavalry, a few others and a small train of horses, mules, wagons and ambulances. Among the horses were a span of carriage horses presented to Mrs. Davis by the citizens of Richmond during the heyday of the Confederacy; also a splendid saddle horse, the pride of the ex-president himself.

On the 11th of May, the next day after the capture, and while on our way back to Macon, as officer of the guard over the distinguished prisoners, I rode by the side of Mr. Reagan, later a senator from Texas. I found him a very fine gentleman. During that day's march a courier from Macon notified us in printed slips of the $100,000 reward offered for Mr. Davis' capture, and which notice connected Davis with the assassination of President Lincoln. When Mr. Reagan read the notice, he earnestly protested that Mr. Davis had no connection whatever with that sorrowful affair. History has shown that he had none.

Besides the suit of men's clothing worn by Mr. Davis he had on when captured Mrs. Davis' large waterproof dress or robe, thrown over his own fine gray suit, and a blanket shawl thrown over his head and shoulders. This shawl and robe were finally deposited in the archives of the war department at Washington by order of Secretary Stanton.

The story of the "hoopskirt, sunbonnet and calico wrapper" had no real existence and was started in the fertile brains of the reporters and in the illustrated papers of that day. That was a perilous moment for Mr. Davis. He had the right to try to escape in any disguise he could use.

There were many interesting incidents connected with this capture, but I have not the time now to relate them. Of the children of this noted couple Maggie grew up, married and is now living in Colorado. One of the boys died early. One grew to manhood, married and died with yellow fever near Memphis since the war, and that "girl baby" grew up to womanhood and is now a talented and beautiful young lady and known as "Winnie, the daughter of the Confederacy."

My mind reverts to those days of the war, and I often think of that scene and the march back from Irwinsville, through the somber pine woods, swamps and plantations of southern Georgia. There in the ambulance with his wife and baby was Jefferson Davis, a prisoner of war. How weak and small had become the head and front of that power against which the men in blue had been so long battling! How had the mighty fallen!—Paper by Judge Peabody of St. Louis.

Better Protected.

He was crying, but he finally managed to blubber through his tears:

"I wisht I was a girl."

"Why do you wish you were a girl?" asked the father, who was mainly responsible for the tears.

"'Tain't so easy to wallop them," answered the boy, hardly realizing how great the truth he had hit upon.—Chicago Post.

Fast and Slow.

She—He's fast, I understand.

He—No—slow.

"You evidently don't know how he spends money."

"Ah, but I know how he pays his debts."—Philadelphia Record.

FOOD WASTED IN COOKING.

Life Sustaining Value of Meat and Vegetables Lost Through Ignorance.

A series of investigations by experts connected with the United States department of agriculture go to show that there is an immense amount of popular ignorance in the matter of cooking; that, while the greater part of the food of man is prepared for use by cooking, yet the changes which various foods undergo during the process and the losses which are brought about have been but little studied. Few persons know, for instance, that in 100 pounds of uncooked cabbage there are but 7½ pounds of dry matter, and of this dry matter from 2¼ to 3 pounds are lost in the cooking pot. Experiments with potatoes showed that in order to obtain the highest food value potatoes should not be peeled before cooking; that when potatoes are peeled before cooking the least loss is sustained by putting them directly into hot water and boiling as rapidly as possible. Even then the loss is very considerable.

If potatoes are peeled and soaked in cold water before boiling, the loss of nutrients is very great, being one-fourth of all the albumenoid matter. In a bushel of potatoes the loss would be equivalent to a pound of sirloin steak. Carrots contain less nitrogen, but relatively more albumenoid nitrogen than potatoes, and therefore furnish more matter available for building muscular tissues. In order to preserve the greatest amount of nutrients in the cooking of carrots, the pieces should be large rather than small. The boiling should be rapid, so that the food value of the vegetable shall not be impaired, as little water as possible should be used, and if the matter extracted is made available as food along with the carrots a loss of 20 to 30 per cent or even more of the total food value may be prevented. In the cooking of cabbage the kind of water used has more effect on the loss of nutrients than the temperature of the water at which the cooking is started. In any case the loss is large. The losses which occur in the cooking of potatoes, carrots and cabbages vary with the different methods of boiling followed.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

BEWARE THE THIN BANANA.

It Was Picked Too Soon and Will Alway Prove Puckery and Sour.

When you are buying bananas, never purchase the long thin ones unless you want fruit which will pucker your mouth. No matter how well ripened these thin bananas may appear to be they will always be found both sour and acrid. This is because the bunch which contained them was picked too soon. The banana grows fastest at first in length. When it has reached its full development in that direction, it suddenly begins to swell and in a few days will double in girth. It is at the end of this time that it begins to ripen naturally, and the effort of the banana importer is to have the fruit gathered at the last possible moment, and yet before the ripening has progressed even enough to tinge the bright green of the fruit with yellow. A difference of 24 hours on the trees at this time will make a difference in the weight of the fruit of perhaps 25 per cent, and all the difference in its final flavor, between a puckery sour and the sweetness and smoothness which are characteristic of the ripe fruit. To get the bananas to our market in good condition requires fast steamers, which must be provided with ventilation and other means of keeping the fruit from ripening too fast in the hold. Much of the finest fruit does ripen in the few days of passage, and this is sold to hucksters for street sale.—New York Sun.

Falling In Love.

"It is not everybody who can fall desperately in love," Andrew Lang declares. "Many a young woman knows that she, for one, is not a born heroine. We cannot all have a genius for passion. Indeed that genius is, first, rather unusual, and, secondly, is apt not to be confined to a single object. Girls ought not to be educated in a belief in the coup de foudre. Most of them will find some good fellow who is much attached to them, as they will be to him. They will marry, if they have luck, and never think of losing their heart, in the style of Dido or Medea. This has always been the prose fact of matrimony, and thus 'Hymen peoples every town.' If young women wait for the coup de foudre and the handsome knight who comes riding through the forest, they will coif St. Katherine or lead apes in hell. Novels prove the inadequacy of the ideal. The heroine always loves the unsatisfactory poet, is jilted, meets the solid squire or business man and finds that 'what she had taken for love was,' etc.—we all know the formula—and lives happy ever after."

His Notion of It.

"Why," she asked, "do so many of the poets write about goldenrod? It seems as if every one of them had tried to glorify it."

"Well," replied the man who had worked on a farm, "the only explanation I can give is that the poets probably never tried to raise potatoes in a field where goldenrod had got a good start."—Cleveland Leader.

Expensive Modesty.

"What's the matter, old man? You look sad."

"I am. I just asked Farnsworth to lend me $5."

"And I suppose he said he didn't have that much in the world."

"No. He had to get a $10 bill changed in order to let me have what I had asked for."—Cleveland Leader.

Chinese nature is a curious branch of human nature. The Celestials not only continue to buy as freely as ever from their customers, the Japanese, but many of the Chinese insist that they never heard of the war.

The New York stock brokers are said to wear out the floor of their stock exchange every five years.

TEXAS SNAKE STORY.

A Rattler and a Mexican Afloat on a Plank For Hours.

"I have heard of many men being placed in odd predicaments," remarked Captain Jenkins, "but one of the most peculiar situations that ever befell an individual was assuredly that of an ignorant Mexican a good many years ago near Indianola, Tex., at the time the town was so nearly destroyed by a tropical hurricane or cyclone. I have heard the story many times, although it happened so long ago. It was during the extreme height of the cyclone. Houses in Indianola were going to pieces like so much paper, boats were being wrecked, and it looked decidedly bad for the individuals who were located in exposed portions of the coast. It was about this time that a little Mexican settlement on one of the coast islands adjacent to Indianola began to go to pieces, the water having risen over the top of the sand dunes and the waves smashing the loosely constructed buildings of the settlement into kindling wood. Jose Baretti, one of the inhabitants of the settlement, was separated from the remainder of his family, and, clinging to a long plank, was driven into the inner bay over the ruins of the settlement.

"When the day broke, he was out of sight of land. The waves had calmed down and the storm was gone. As he cast his eye about in the early dawn, to his horror he found the other end of the plank occupied by an immense rattlesnake. As soon as the snake observed the Mexican he began to writhe and coil in an odd sort of manner, and apparently to make attempts to reach the poor fellow, whose hair was then standing on end in a manner wonderful to behold. The hours went by. The snake kept up his antics, but for some reason did not get any nearer the Mexican. The unfortunate fellow was afraid to leave the plank, knowing that he would drown, and at the same time he was in horrible fear of meeting death in a more terrific manner from snake bite. He lay on the end of the plank with his eyes fixed on the rattler. In fact, they both eyed each other, and this they kept up until midday, when a fishing smack came sailing along on the lookout for castaways.

"The Mexican was seen from the boat, and in a short time was hauled on board more dead than alive. He pointed weakly at his hissing companion. The sailors on the smack killed the rattlesnake and found that he had jammed his tail through a small knothole in the plank. The immersion of the buttons of the rattle in the salt water had caused them to swell, and he was unable to remove his tail from the hole. To this fortunate circumstance the Mexican owed his life. The fact that the coast islands contain many rattlers accounts for the presence of the snake on the plank."—By the Bye in New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Ran and Caught the Car.

A short man with a fat, red face ran out of the Erie railroad depot at the foot of West Twenty-third street the other forenoon and chased a crosstown car which was midway between Eleventh avenue and the ferry. He was a fast runner and held his hat in his left hand as he gained on the car. The passengers on the rear platform, in a spirit of mirth, encouraged him:

"Don't give up. You'll make it. Make a spurt, old boy. This is your last chance to get a car before two minutes," one of them said.

At Eleventh avenue he caught up, and, perspiring profusely, sprang upon the rear platform. He appeared happy, and when he handed his fare to the conductor he said: "These Bleecker street cars that run down Ninth avenue do not go often, so I ran to catch this one." The conductor rang up the fare, and in a matter of fact way answered:

"This car goes to Thirty-fourth street ferry. Get out and wait for a Bleecker street car."

The sprinter got off as some of the passengers cried out:

"You can run anyway. It is better to run and lose a car than never to perspire at all."—New York Commercial.

A Timely Retreat.

A young botanist was showing a party of ladies and gentlemen through the conservatory and explaining to them the properties of some of the choicest plants.

Among the visitors was a would be young looking middle aged lady, who at every description volunteered the statement that the plants and flowers she had at home were quite equal to anything exhibited here or indeed anywhere. Just as they were passing a giant cactus she was heard to exclaim:

"Well, this is nothing extraordinary. I have a cactus at home that is still larger. I planted and reared it myself."

"Reared it yourself," the professor gently observed. "How remarkable! This specimen is 63 years old, and if yours is still larger"—

The lady did not stay to hear any more, but executed a strategic movement to the rear.—Pearson's Weekly.

Her Beginning.

Tom—How do you like that novel I brought you yesterday?

Alice—I don't like it at all. I don't care to finish it.

Tom—How much have you read?

Alice—One chapter.

Tom—Then you really haven't got into the story. The first chapter's merely a sort of introduction.

Alice—But the first chapter isn't the one I've read, and the heroine dies. No; you may take it back.—Chicago News.

Poor Old Man.

"That's a strange case of the aged gentleman who moves in the highest circles, isn't it?"

"I hadn't heard of it."

"Hadn't you? Why, the Yerkes telescope is authority for the story that the man in the moon is all burned out."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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Holiday Rates 1897-98.

All agents of the C H. & D. R. R. will sell tickets for the holidays at one fare and a third for the round trip to all points on the C. H. & D. and many connecting lines. Tickets may be sold December 24th, 25th and 31st, 1897 and January 1, 1898, good to return until Jan. 4, 1898 inclusive.

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CORINTHIAN BAPTIST CHURCH.

You are cordially invited to worship with us to-morrow morning. Our pastor, Rev. Blackshear will conduct services. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

Extensive preparations have been made for our Christmas entertainments.

It is hoped that all members will respond heartily to the rally to-morrow.

NINTH PRESBYTERIAN NOTES.

Preaching to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor, Rev. Wm. O. White. Sacramental services to-morrow at 2:30 p. m. Rev. George A. Sissle will preach the sermon. All pastors and their congregations and the public ar cordially invited. Sunday school will meet in the lecture room at 2 p. m. The school will have a Christmas tree on Christmas Eve.

Leah Chapter No. 2 O.E.S., will celebrate the "Crucifixon of Christ" at the Ninth Presbyterian church, Dec. 26 at 2:30 p. m. Rev. Wm. O. White will preach the sermon.

ALLEN CHAPEL NOTES.

Mr. Hall of Yandes street is very sick.

Two accessions to the church last Sunday.

Rev. Murray preached two very excellent sermons last Sunday.

The Auxiliary met last Thursday at the church. It will continue to meet until after the Mid-Winter Fair.

Mr. Campbell of Philadelphia worshipped with us last Sunday evening.

Miss Lolo Skelton will leave in a few days for Kentucky to spend the holidays.

Miss Esther Smith, who has been attending the training school will leave for her home in Vincennes the 23rd.

The Missionary Society is doing some excellent work. The following is the program of last Monday afternoon: Scripture reading, Miss Mamie White; song, society, "Blest be the Tie;" prayer, Mrs. Emma Duke; song, society, "Haven of Rest;" select reading Mrs Mary Oliver; solo, Mrs. Lizzie Bush.

Rev. Woodson of Wilberforce, O., will be with us next Sunday. Every one is invited to come and hear him.

Tullahoma Notes.

Tullahoma, Tenn., Special.

The people are preparing amusements for the holidays. Rev. R A. Hill, P E., is in our town and held a successful quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. Church Dec. 12-13. Little Arta. the six-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Davidson, died on the 7th inst. Rev. Marchbanks, of the Baptist Church, who has been engaged in a series of meetings at Murfreesboro, has returned home. Rev. J. H. Purkley paid Winchester a short visit last week. Mrs. Lucy Davidson is on the sick list.

EXCURSION RATES.

Via Pennsylvania Lines for Christmas and New Year.

Following the annual custom, Ticket Agents of the Pennsylvania Lines will sell excursion tickets Dec. 24th, 25th and 31st, 1897, and Jan. 1st. 1898, for the Christmas and New Year Holidays. Ticket will not be sold to adults for less than 25 cents, nor to children for less than 15 cents. Return limit of excursion tickets will include Jan. 4th, 1898. For rates, time of trains and further information please apply to nearest Ticket Agent of the Pennsylvania Lines.

RULES FOR CANDY MAKING.

Mrs. Rorer Tells How Confections May Be Made at Home.

Mrs. S. T. Rorer tells how to make candies at home in The Ladies' Home Journal and gives the following rules, which insure the success of the work: "Never stir the sugar and water after the sugar has dissolved. Wipe down constantly the granules forming on the side of the saucepan. Do not shake or move the saucepan while the sirup is boiling. As soon as the sugar begins to boil watch it carefully, having in your hand a bowl of ice water, so that you may try the sirup almost constantly. Have everything in readiness before beginning. If the sugar grains, use it for old fashioned cream candy or sugar taffy. It cannot be used for fondant. Use only the best granulated sugar for boiling and confectioners' XXX for kneading. If your fondant grains without apparent cause, you may have boiled it a little too long. A few drops of lemon juice or a little cream of tartar will prevent this. Fondant is the soft mixture which forms both the inside of the French candies and the material in which they are dipped, and it is to obtain this that the sugar is boiled.

"After the sugar has reached the 'soft ball,' a semihard condition, it must be poured carefully into a large meat plate or on a marble slab. Do not scrape the saucepan or you will granulate the sirup. Make your fondant one day and make it up into candy the next. Never melt fondant by placing the saucepan immediately on the stove. Prevent the danger of scorching by standing the pan containing it in a basin of water. If the melted fondant is too thick, add water most cautiously, a drop at a time. A half teaspoonful more than is necessary will ruin the whole. To cool candy place it in a cool, dry place. To keep candy put it between layers of waxed paper in tin boxes. If the day is bright and clear, the sugar loses its stickiness quickly; therefore select a fine day for your candy making."

NAMES WE MISSED.

Some of the Titles Intended For Our Geographical Divisions.

It was intended that Maryland should be called Crescentia, but Charles I changed it to Terra Mariæ, in honor of his wife, and we made it Mary's Land; hence Maryland (home pronunciation, Merrylon). William Penn wanted to call his state New Wales, but afterward decided upon Sylvania, to which the king prefixed the word Penn. In 1784 an ordinance was drawn up as follows: "The territory northward of the forty-fifth degree—that is to say, of the completion of the forty-fifth degree from the equator and extending to the Lake of the Woods—shall be called Sylvania." See what we missed! The territory under the forty-fifth and forty-fourth degrees which lies westward of Lake Michigan was to be called Michigania, while that to the eastward, within the peninsula formed by the lakes and waters of Michigan, Huron, St. Clair and Erie, was to be called Chersonesus. Heaven forbade.

Of the territory lying under the forty-third and forty-second degrees, that to the westward, called Assenisipia; that to the eastward, in which are the sources of the Muskingum, the two Miamis of the Ohio, the Wabash, the Illinois, the Miamis of the lake, and the Sandusky rivers, was to be called Metropotamia. The country through which the Illinois river runs was to be called Illinoia; the next joining to the eastward, Saratoga, and that between the last and Pennsylvania, extending from the Ohio to Lake Erie, Washington. All that region adjacent to which are the confluences of the Wabash, Shawnee, Tanisee, Ohio, Illinois, Mississippi and Missouri rivers, was to be called Polytamia, and that farther up the Ohio, Pelisipia. Verily, a watchful Providence seems to have guarded us from these afflictions.—New York Press.

He Knew.

"Before permitting you to pass to the front," said the officer in charge of the telegraphy to the war correspondent, "I desire to know whether you are qualified to report our actions in the field." The war correspondent bowed and awaited the pleasure of the great man. "In the first place," continued the soldier, "I should like a definition of the phrase, 'fiendish atrocity.'"

The correspondent smiled as if he considered the question altogether too easy.

"Fiendish atrocities," he said, "are murders committed by the other side."

"Correct," returned the officer. "Now, what is 'just vengeance?'"

"Just vengeance," answered the correspondent, "is the term used to designate murders committed by our side."

"Correct again," returned the officer. "I will give you an order that will take you through all the lines."—Strand Magazine.

Animal Worship.

Swine were adored in Crete, weasels at Thebes, rats and mice in Troas, porcupines in Persia, the lapwing in New Mexico, bulls in Benares, serpents in Greece and many of the African countries. The Hindoos never molest snakes. They call them fathers, brothers, friends and other endearing names. On the coast of Guinea a hog happening to kill a snake, the king gave orders that all the swine should be destroyed.

An Easy Test.

Timmins—I have never been able to make up my mind whether I am a genius or not.

Simmons—It is easily tested. Just act like a hog when you are in society, and if you are a genius people will admire you for it.—Indianapolis Journal.

Most of the men in the islands of southwest Japan lead lives of idleness and are cheerfully supported by the women. The males are fond of music, some of them being excellent musicians on various instruments, but it is considered disgraceful for a woman to play.

HE DISOBEYED ORDERS.

A Brilliant French Officer's First Achievement on the Field of Battle.

Lejeune, the brilliant aid-de-camp of the Marshals Berthier, Davout and Oudinot, gives a very interesting account of his first achievement on the field of battle. The French army was crossing the Alps and found itself compelled to attack at a great disadvantage a town which the Austrians were defending.

Young Lejeune, who was anxious to participate in the engagement, was greatly disappointed when he was ordered to remain at his post in the rear. When the firing began, his heart beat furiously, and as the attack progressed he felt that he could not remain passive while his fellow soldiers were performing deeds of valor.

Believing himself unnoticed, he hurried forward, forgetting that the soldier's first duty is obedience, and just where the fray seemed to be thickest he found himself face to face with his commanding officer. The general looked at the rash young soldier coldly.

"Since you have quitted your post," he said, "you may take this order and recall that company that has gone into a bad position."

Lejeune heard the order with a strange sensation, for this was an errand from which he was not likely to return alive. There was no escape, however, and touching his cap he started on his perilous mission with a quaking heart.

For some distance he crept along behind a pile of rocks that protected him from the fire of the enemy, but at last this shelter came to an end. Before him there remained 100 steps to be taken under the fire of 200 guns pointed straight at him.

To go forward was, he believed, certain death. To go back would be eternal disgrace. The whole army seemed like an amphitheater around him. Should he prove himself a coward or a hero?

"If I die," thought he, "it will be only the just penalty of my disobedience; if I accomplish my mission, I shall have proved that I am worthy yet to fight in the emperor's army."

So thinking, he rushed across the open space amid a storm of cannon balls and musket shot. Not one of the messengers of death touched him, and as if by a miracle he arrived safe and sound in the French lines. The delivery of that order saved the battalion and decided the destiny of the young officer.

Significance of the Nose.

The nose, the form of which regulates the beauty of the other features, is by no means inaccessible to higher culture, for we have it on the authority of a German physician that it is beyond dispute that during half of an individual human life the nose is capable of receiving a more noble form. The training of the individual, the culture of his intellect and character, has a very considerable influence not only on the expression of the face in general, but also on the bodily nature of the nose. The characteristics of the various shapes of nose, according to physiognomy, are as follows: The small, flat nose found among women and called the soubrette nose, when occurring with an otherwise agreeable and fortunate build of features, indicates a certain gracious and cheerful naivete combined with an inconsiderate curiosity. Such a nose seldom is possessed by men, and when it is it denotes an individuality characterized by weakness and deficient sagacity. A nose thick and flat is an unfavorable feature with men as well as with women, usually signifying that the character is predominated by material and sensual instincts, while a turned up nose, with wide nostrils, bespeaks a vain, puffed up disposition. Especially wide nostrils are signs of strength, courage and pride; small nostrils, of weakness and timidity. Noses large in every respect are found mostly among men and are masculine attributes.—New York Ledger.

Cork Legs Were Scarce.

One day in 1880 Senator Hampton was going on his crutches from the senate chamber to the house of representatives. In the middle of the big rotunda he met a very large man, also on crutches. He was a member of congress from Illinois, a Republican, whose name I cannot now recall. Hampton stopped him and kindly asked his name and how he had received his injury. After giving his name the congressman said amputation was necessary by reason of a shot he had received in a fight with Hampton's cavalry. He did not dream he was talking to Wade Hampton himself. "I am Wade Hampton," said the senator. "If you have the leisure, please sit down and let us talk." Hampton had lost his leg after the war, when thrown from a mule while deer hunting. The amputation was identical with that of the congressman, and they fell a-talking. Up to that time neither had found a cork leg he could wear, and they discussed cork legs for a great while. They parted, after mutual professions of esteem. The next morning I heard the congressman tell the story in the committee room, and there never was a man who had a higher regard for Wade Hampton than he had. I believe Hampton later found a leg he could wear.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Beat Him Down.

Two Irishmen were cleaning a window in a tall building. To facilitate their work they had stuck a board out of the window, and Pat stood on the end of it which was outside and Mike on the end inside to balance. Suddenly Pat shouted:

"Moike, I've dropped me sponge."

"Thot's all roight. I'll go down and git it."

When he got to the street, he found Pat in a heap on the sidewalk and exclaimed:

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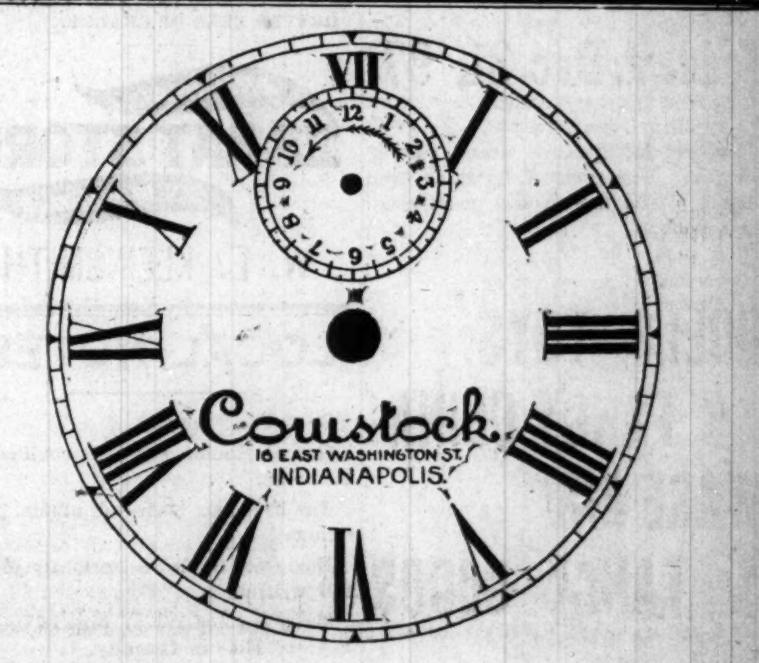

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LOCAL NOTES.

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Geo. G. Simmons is still confined to his home.

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Rev. Geo. Sissle is seriously ill at this writing.

There is some talk of organizing a B. P. O. of Elks in this city.

Ladies who will receive callers New Years day will please send in their names by Tuesday.

Miss Stella Newby, of Chicago, formerly of this city, died in the former city last Sunday of consumption.

Messrs. L. W. Montgomery and Jas. Admire were appointed to the police force this week by Mayor Taggart's Board of Public Safety.

John Divine, one of the old land marks, departed this life last week at his home on Michigan Road. He leaves a wife and daughter, Mrs. Emma Brown a teacher in the public school, to mourn his loss.

"The Hawaiian Islands Annexation" question will be discussed pro and con before Olivet Literary Society next Tuesday evening at Prospect (formerly Coburn) Street Baptist church. Affirmative, Hon. G. L. Jones, Sam'l G. Givens; negative, W. Allison Sweeney, W. E. Givens.

PERSONAL AND SOCIETY.

Mrs. Mary J. Brown is visiting friends in Greensburg.

In Anderson, Ind., on business, Oliver Stokes and Cornelius Turner.

Dr. Frank Smith, the druggist, made a fly trip to Cincinnati Tuesday, strictly on business.

Mr. P. O. Gray, editor of The World, Minneapolis, Minn., paid our office a visit last Wednesday.

Miss Margaret Woods, of Springfield, O., will be the guest of her sister, Miss Emma, during the holidays.

After a pleasant stay of two weeks Lewis Lawson returned to his home in Shelbyville, Ky., last Monday.

Jos. and Spencer Henderson have returned home from Danville, Ky., where they attended the funeral of their mother.

Walter Givens and Will Taylor, of Lexington, Ky., are safely quartered at the Grand. Mr. Taylor returned recently from a trip to Buffalo, N. Y.

The East End Sewing Circle and a few friends were highly entertained by Miss Ella Lewis at the residence of Mrs. Kittie Minter, 339 West Eleventh street Friday evening, Dec. 10. A very dainty luncheon of five courses was served, and the parlors were tastefully decorated with yellow chrysanthemums and roses. The guests present were: Miss Drusetta Dixon, Miss Francis Fletcher of Cambridge City, Miss Esther Phrenosdal of London, O., Mrs. Nellie Smith of Terre Haute, Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Murray, Rev. and Mrs. D. A. Graham.

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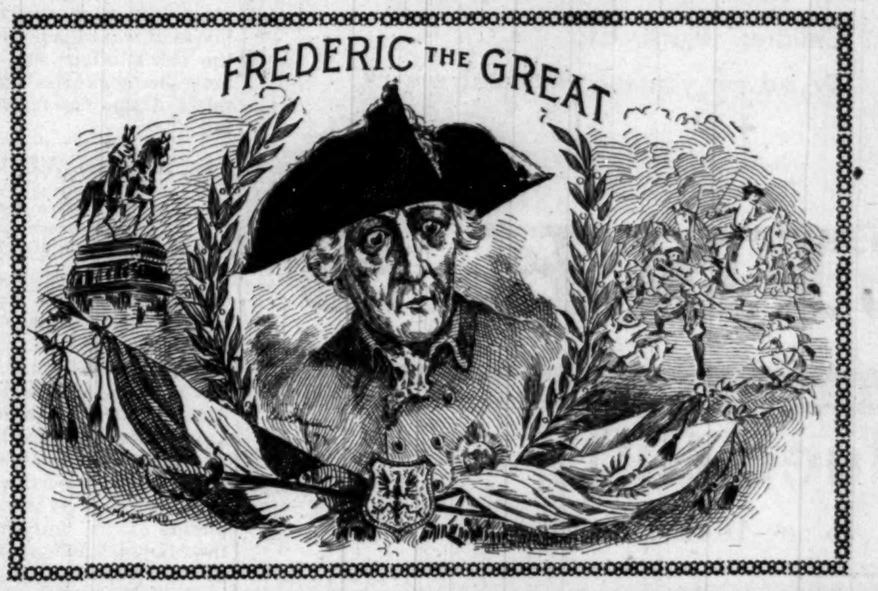

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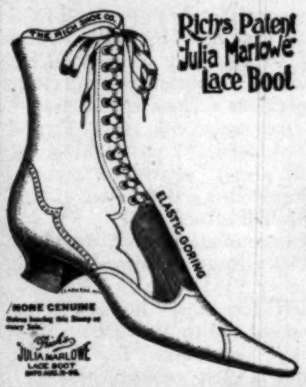

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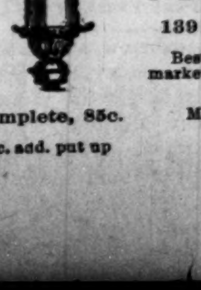

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